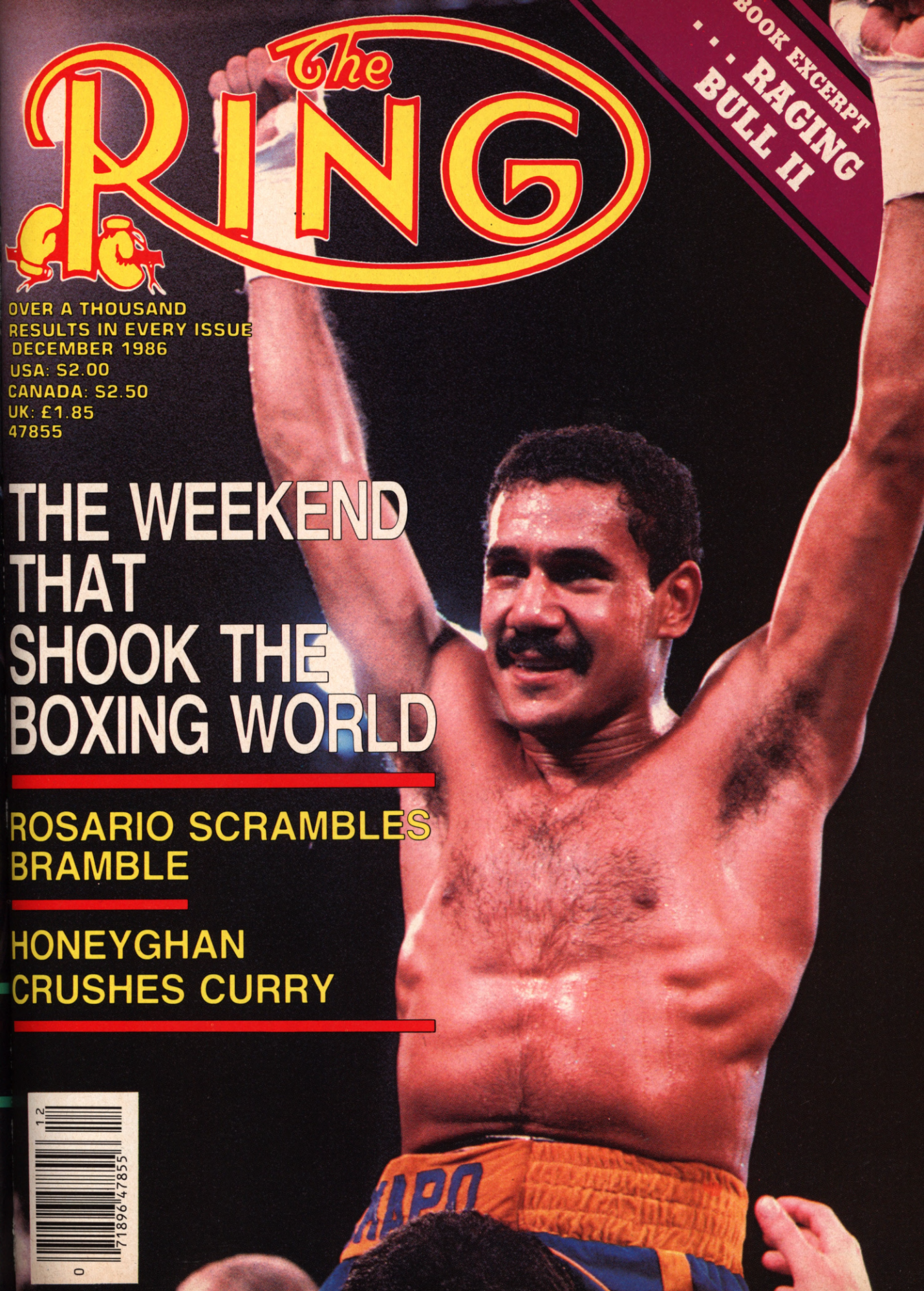
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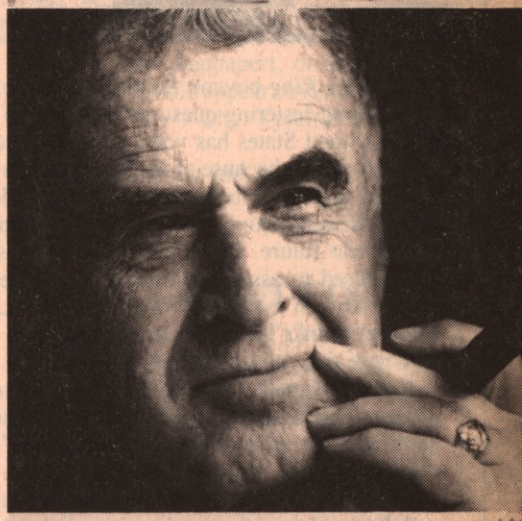

RingSide

Should *The Ring* boycott South African boxing?

This long-festering question has come to a head in recent months. The Congress of the United States has voted to impose economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa because of its government's policy of *apartheid*. The World Boxing Council and the International Boxing Federation have already severed ties with South African boxing, and the World Boxing Association is expected to follow suit in the near future. Promoter Don King has long denounced the *apartheid* system and refused to associate himself, or fighters under his promotional control, with South African boxing. Promoter Butch Lewis and IBF heavyweight champion Michael Spinks have also recently jumped on the band wagon.

Where does all of this leave *The Ring*?

I'm sure I speak for every member of *The Ring's* editorial staff when I denounce *apartheid* as a reprehensible policy that should be eradicated from the face of the earth as soon as possible. But that doesn't mean we are going to pretend South African boxing, or her boxers, don't exist.

It would be sheer folly, for example, to claim that Brian Mitchell is not the rightful holder of the world junior lightweight title. He won that title in the ring by beating Alfredo Layne. No legislation by the Congress of the United States, or pronouncements by any of boxing's so-called governing bodies can change that fact.

One of the beauties of boxing is that, when the contestants enter the ring, they are stripped of everything but their skills and courage. It matters not the color of their skin, their social status, or the policies of their governments. It's man against man, may the better fighter emerge victorious.

When Muhammad Ali was banned from boxing because of his refusal to be inducted into the U.S. Armed Forces, *The Ring* alone stood firm, refusing to strip him of his title until due process of law had run its course. Eventually, both Ali and *The Ring* were vindicated for their stands. We were right to swim against the tide of popular opinion then, and I believe we are right once again.

Therefore, *The Ring* will continue to cover boxing wherever it exists and recognize *all* boxers on the basis of their accomplishments within the squared circle. □

Nigel Collins

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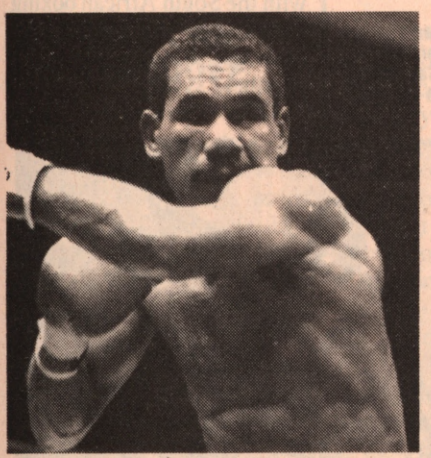

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Reader Joseph Eterno thinks Edwin Rosario would be WBC lightweight champion if his match with Hector (Macho) Camacho had been scheduled for 15 rounds.

IN DEFENSE OF McGUIGAN

I AM WRITING IN REPLY TO NIGEL Collins' "Ringside" editorial and Jack Welsh's article "Duel In The Desert" in your September '86 issue. Both deal with the Cruz-McGuigan fight.

As expected, both went over the much debated fact of the heat influencing McGuigan. Both articles dismiss the heat factor as a "scapegoat" for McGuigan. Unfortunately, I must disagree with both Mr. Collins and Mr. Welsh.

McGuigan built his reputation as a good boxer with many assets. His stamina has been admired by many, including Bob Arum and Eusebio Pedrosa. In Mr. Welsh's article, referee Richard Steele is quoted as saying, "What surprised me was that McGuigan got tired as fast as he did." Even more substantial is David Gorman's comment in the same article: "We didn't want to take any chances, but we knew we had to pull out everything in the later rounds because McGuigan has proven that's where he's tough".

Such comments from involved and influential persons, as well as the words from the ex-champion's mouth, have convinced me the heat played a major factor in Barry's defeat.

BRIAN DOWNEY
Boston, MA

ONLY A PIECE OF THE PIE

I THOUGHT IT A NICE GESTURE TO proclaim Larry Holmes "Fighter of the Month" in the July issue of *The Ring* following his valiant attempt to reclaim his dignity and the IBF heavyweight title. However, stating that he almost became the fourth man to regain the heavyweight title causes me to conclude that *The Ring* also recognizes Tim Witherspoon as heavyweight champion. Regardless of Witherspoon's future chances in the HBO tournament, I do not think he should be regarded as champ at this time. In my opinion, years from now, the roll-call of heavyweight champions of this tumultuous period will be as follows:

1. Larry Holmes
2. Michael Spinks
3. Winner of HBO tournament

NICO de BEER
Esbeek, Holland

Editor's Note: Quite correct, Nico. We should of said "portion" of the heavyweight title.

CAMACHO'S TITLE SAVED BY 12-ROUND RULE?

THE HECTOR CAMACHO-EDWIN Rosario fight is a perfect example of why title bouts should be 15 rounds. Three more rounds would have given Rosario a good shot at winning by decision, but more importantly, I believe he would have knocked Camacho out. Rosario was getting stronger, while Camacho was beginning to fade.

If this silly WBC rule always existed, fight history would be a lot different. For example: Ray Leonard would have lost to Tommy Hearns and John Tate would have decisioned Mike Weaver instead of getting knocked out in the 15th round.

To fight for a world title is an honor reserved for the best conditioned athletes. If a fighter is not prepared to go 15 rounds, he is not a champion.

JOSEPH ETERNO
Forest Park, IL

COONEY CLAPTRAP

THE QUESTIONS POSED OVER THE outcome of a possible Cooney-Tyson fight are ridiculous. Why waste three pages (*The Ring*, Sept. '86) on an article about something any boxing fans already knows? It may be the biggest grossing fight of the 80s (assuming the Hagler-Leonard fight doesn't come off), but I doubt it will be the "heavyweight fight of the decade." The fight will mean big bucks for one reason only: The color of both men's skin.

Mr. Goldman's prediction (a one-round kayo victory for Tyson) may seem like rubbish to Mr. Rappaport, or to Cooney himself, but would appear obvious to most fight fans. Here's why: Tyson is hungry, Cooney is not.

Take the money and run, Mike.

JOE LINDSAY
Toronto, Canada

DOUBTS ABOUT TYSON

AFTER WATCHING MIKE TYSON battle Jose Ribalta for nine and one half rounds, I formed some grave doubts about Tyson's reputed supremacy among current heavyweights.

Tyson must learn two techniques in order to ascend to the pinnacle of his profession. First, he must learn how to throw straight punches so he doesn't waste energy pounding an opponent's side with hooks. Secondly, he must learn balance so that he doesn't telegraph all of his haymakers. If Mike fails to learn these techniques, I fear he may encounter the same fate as these (former) undefeated knockout artists:

1. Jose Ibar Urtain (against Henry Cooper)
2. Ken Norton (against Jose Luis Garcia)
3. Frank Bruno (against Bonecrusher Smith)
4. Gerry Cooney (against Larry Holmes)

I honestly hope the New York publicity apparatus (also known as THE MEDIA) is not building Tyson up just so they can rail against the Manly Art of Self-Defense when he falls.

BOB DAILY
San Marino, CA

Round One

by Nigel Collins

TEMPEST IN A TEAPOT

When **Butch Lewis** called a press conference at the posh St. Mortiz Hotel in Manhattan, the hot gossip around town was that he was about to withdraw IBF champion **Michael Spinks** from the **HBO** heavyweight unification series and take a more lucrative fight with **Gerry Cooney**. What made the plot even more diabolical was the rumor that Butch (no relation to Butch Cassidy) planned to use the **World Boxing Council's** ongoing recognition of **South Africa** as a smoke screen in order to make a match which relies almost exclusively on racial bigotry for its box office appeal.

But according our sources, Butch, fearing law suites from HBO, the **Hilton Hotel** (site of the tournament's grand finale), and **Don King** (the other half of the "Dynamic Duo")—not to mention the wrath of the press—had an 11th hours change of heart.

Whatever the case, by the time Butch addressed the gathering, it was evident he'd decided to keep his options, and the door to Michael's participation in HBO's series, wide open. Though some noble words were spoken concerning the struggle against South Africa's repugnant policy of *apartheid* and much scorn heaped upon the WBA for its reluctance to fall into line with the WBC and IBF in boycotting South Africa, Lewis stopped short of yanking Michael from HBO's tournament.

The key passage in Butch's statement was the one that read: "However, I *will* co-promote, and Michael Spinks *will* participate in, the match with the winner of the WBC-WBA unification bout—if the WBA is not involved in the sanctioning of that fight or if the WBA has severed all ties with the South African boxing commission and publicly denounces that government's apartheid system."

This obviously leaves enough loopholes to allow the unification series to proceed as scheduled: The WBA champion might be eliminated; the WBA could, as they have indicated they will, acquiesce to popular demand and disassociate itself from South Africa; or some deal could be cut where the WBA would not have any participation in the actual "sanctioning" of the final showdown between Spinks and the survivor of the WBC-WBA box-off. After all, that fight will be bigger than all the Alphabet Boys put together. It won't need anybody's sanction.

Oh yeah, as a matter of princible, Butch will be bowing out of the co-promotion of **Tim Witherspoon-Tony Tubbs II**. And you can bet he's praying the WBA doesn't make its move against South Africa too soon. Who'd want

Butch Lewis (center) and Michael Spinks do their bit to combat drug abuse. Say fellas, who's the cutie on the far left?

Australia's fighting Waters brothers. From left to right, are light heavyweight Guy, heavyweight Dean, and middleweight Troy. All three are local champions and are trained by their father, Cec Waters.

a piece of that warmed-over turkey, anyway?

So what does it all boil down to? Not a helluva lot. Butch has put the WBA and South Africa on notice, made a righteous stand against *apartheid*, and scared the pants off a few HBO bigwigs. The media had a free lunch and got to ask a bunch of spirited questions. In the end, nothing had really changed. It was still business as usual.

Round One

MEXICAN STANDOFF

A strike by more than 250 Mexican fighters has led to the creation of a boxer's union south of the Rio Grande. Led by well-known manager **Lupe Sanchez**, who guide former welterweight champion **Pipino Cuevas**, the meagerly paid pros refused to participate in the regular cards at Mexico City's La Arena Colisseo for promoter **Hilario Flores**. The labor action forced the cancellation of a dozen cards, including those broadcast by Mexico's huge communication conglomerate, **Televisa**. Though Flores initially refused to cave-in to the fighter's demands, he eventually agreed to double the scale for preliminary bouts and raise the minimum fee for main events. A four-rounder will now pay the magnanimous sum of $32, while main event purses are up to 253,000 pesos, roughly $360. Senior Flores said he hoped the extra money would make the boxers fight harder. What a guy!

SOCK SURVEY

Progressive promoter **Frank Warren** commissioned an attitude survey of 1,518 adults in an effort to find out how the British public feels about the Noble Art. The results of the research conducted by Marplan Omnibus proved rather interesting, especially in light of all the noise being made recently by the anti-boxing lobby in England. The survey showed that 41% of the population found boxing "very" or "quite" interesting and that 85% of the male population watched boxing on television. Boxing was also found to be either "totally" or "fairly" acceptable by nearly three-quarters of the male population. Only 24% of the population found boxing "totally unacceptable." In fact, the only sport with stronger support among the Brits is soccer. Rugby and cricket came in third and fourth, respectively, with motor racing and motor cycling rounding out the top-six sports surveyed.

Crowd-pleasing cruiserweight Seamus McDonagh, a student at St. John's College, likes to pound the typewriter and hit the books when he's not belting out opponents at the Felt Forum.

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Madison Square Garden's new boxing logo.

ROSIN DUST

Good news from **Madison Square Garden**. 1986 attendance figures at MSG's Felt Forum increased 136% over 1985. They're now pulling in around 1,700 fans per show . . . The Garden also has a snazzy new logo (see illustration) to go with their new boxing department . . . **Don King** and **Trevor Berbick** visited New York police officer Steven McDonald, who had been critically wounded in a gun battle. King presented McDonald with a check for $5,000 . . . About a week after his non-fight with **C. Boza-Edwards, Hector (Macho) Camacho** was taken into police custody because someone with the same name was wanted on a drug warrant. The WBC lightweight champ took the misunderstanding good-naturedly, even though he was also slapped with five traffic violations during the incident. To make matters worse, his unguarded Ferrari was partially cannibalized for "Macho Man" souvenirs while he was at New York's 23rd Precinct. . .

PUNCH LINES

Mike Trainer, Sugar Ray Leonard's lawyer, explaining why he doubts **Bob Arum** will soon retire as threatened: "If it weren't for boxing, Arum wouldn't need a telephone. He has no friends, so who would call him?" □

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH BUTCH LEWIS

by Joseph D'O'Brian

A winning combination. Butch Lewis (left) and Michael Spinks have every right to smile. Butch has guided Michael to both the light heavyweight and heavyweight titles during an undefeated career that has made them both wealthy men.

HE BILLS HIMSELF AS THE renaissance man of boxing: manager, promotor, trainer just about everything else. He has his fans, and he certainly has his detractors. But like him or not, Butch Lewis, at age 40, is one of the three or four most powerful men in boxing.

Lewis first burst on the scene as an unknown promoter with a very well-known fighter working his first show: The 1976 Ali-Dunn heavyweight title match was Lewis' promoting debut.

When next heard from, Lewis had a young fellow under his wing named Leon Spinks: an Olympic champ with only seven fights on his pro record. Thanks to Lewis' *chutzpah*, his eighth fight saw Leon score the biggest upset in the history of the game.

Today, Lewis manages Leon's brother Michael, who is a pretty fair country fighter.

Butch Lewis is boxing through and through. Don King looks like a numbers runner; Bob Arum looks like a lawyer. Butch Lewis looks like a fight manager.

He talks like one, too, as you'll see. He's sometimes candid in this interview, and sometimes cagey, but always entertaining.

A final word of caution: Butch and I used boxing vernacular throughout this interview. This means a few cuss words. If you fear these words will make you go blind, ignore them when you come to them.

RING: Well, we'd better start by just having you tell us what's next for your main charge, Michael Spinks. What's he going to be doing, waiting for everyone else to knock each other off, or fighting someone, or what?

LEWIS: I can't tell you exactly, because I don't know exactly. I'm initiating certain plans, yes: Negotiations are being set up with Gerry Cooney. Now, what happens in those negotiations, I can't give no answers yet. But I do intend to go to the table with Cooney. If we can't get a Cooney fight, we'll just wait, because there's no other fight out there that would warrant our taking an intermediate fight [Before fighting the winner of HBO's elimination tournament—Ed.]

RING: In that case, what can you say to the arguement that Spinks should fight, whether there's a lot of money in it or not, because he needs to establish himself as the heavyweight champ?

LEWIS: Let me put it to you like this: It's my job to set the course of Michael's career—as I've done. When I initiated the unification of the light-heavyweight

championship, I did it when it was right for Michael, not when everybody else was clamoring for it. We unified it, and defended it twelve times. We've had the heavyweight title for one year, and had three fights already. You can't call that lackadaisical.

RING: Well, it's three fights if you want to count Steffen Tangstad.

LEWIS: Hey, Tangstaad, because he was an unknown, was probably in Michael's mind, more dangerous. Because you don't know. The kid came to fight; he could punch and he had an awkward style. A lot of guys in the media don't understand that we've accomplished what no other light heavyweight has ever accomplished. And everybody thinks that because we've accomplished what we've accomplished, the rest should all be easy. When we fought Holmes, everybody but one or two people was picking Holmes. I had to hide all the newspapers from Michael because they were all talking about what round Holmes would knock him out in. And now that it's happened, everybody's saying, well, Holmes was 35, and all of a sudden they're making out like our feat wasn't such a great feat.

If we were light heavyweights making that match, I could understand. But in the heavyweights, you can't fight King Kong Powell every 30 days. In every heavyweight fight, anybody weighing over 200 pounds can hit another guy and take him out. And Cooney can hit! I'm a realist. So to take that risk, I'm going to see that the payday—if the other guy happens to get lucky—will be good for Michael.

For example, say we were fighting Carl Williams. He's certainly a dangerous fighter, but how would it make sense for me to fight Carl for $500,000? (*laughs*) What are you, forget it! That fight isn't worth the risk. So either I take the multi-million-dollar-fight with Cooney, or I wait for the multi-million-dollar-fight five or six months down the line with one of the fighters in the tournament. Either way, it'll be millions, not thousands.

I've got to make what's the best decision for Michael. The Spinks-Cooney fight is what the public wants to see. It's the biggest fight out there. Is Hagler-Leonard bigger? I don't think so, not because I'm close to Michael, but because Spinks-Cooney is a black-white fight. Unfortunately, the fight is as hot as it is because racism is alive and well in the USA, my man. That's what makes the fight, and that's why I've got to go with it, squeeze it in before we meet the tournament winner.

RING: Okay, assuming you fight Cooney and win, or that you don't fight Cooney at all, who'll Michael end up fighting?

LEWIS: I won't be able to answer that until it's been narrowed down to two fighters. I want to see Tubbs in shape against Witherspoon. He's a good fighter. He's a sleeper. He weighed, what, 250 against Witherspoon the first time?

RING: Something like that. He was a fat dude.

LEWIS: Yeah, well, a 230-pound Tubbs isn't a murderous puncher, but . . .

RING: One of those guys that makes anybody look bad.

LEWIS: That's right, so let's see who comes out of Tyson-Berbick and Tubbs-Witherspoon. There's no single overwhelming talent in the heavyweights right now.

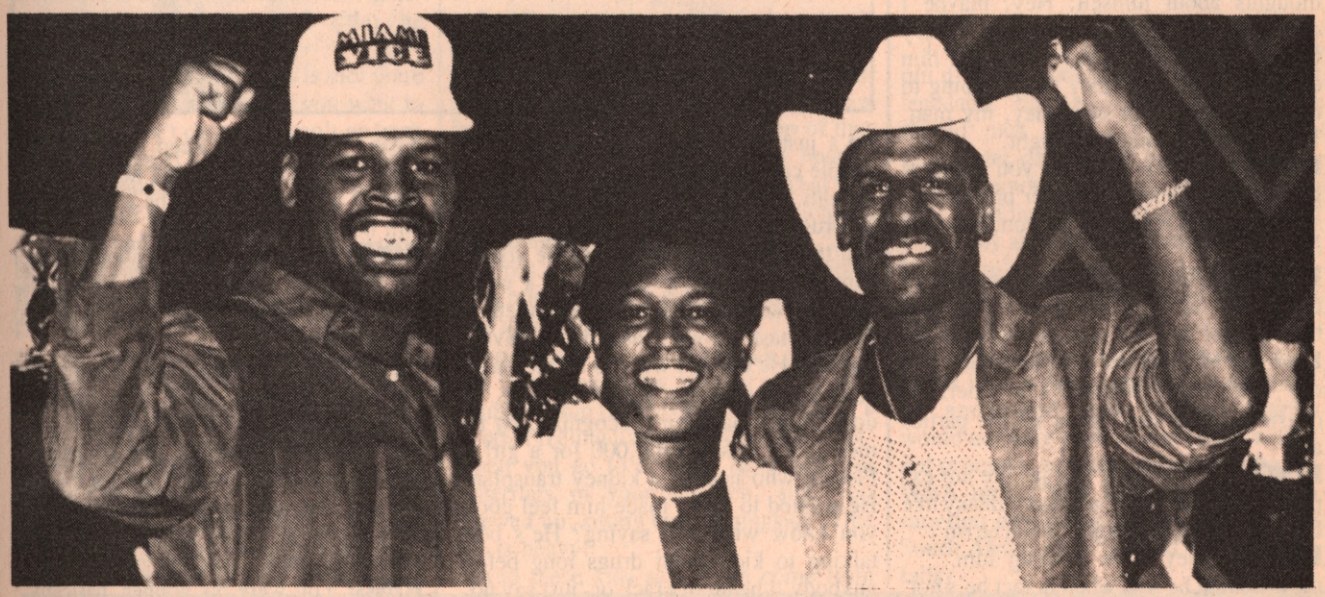
RING: Even Tyson?

LEWIS: No. He's strong, but one reason he's so successful is that nobody trains for his style. He adapts to who he's fighting. He's awkward. But if he faces Tubbs, he's got a difficult task in front of him, because you can't just walk to Tubbs and unload like Tyson's been doing. You can't unload on Michael Spinks like Tyson's been doing. You might try it and miss, but then Michael's going to make you pay. We saw a little of this when James Tillis frustrated Tyson. But he was younger then.

Tyson's management has done a great job of bringing him along, but I'm not, as a professional, so engrossed in the hype that I'll pay no attention to what's actually been in front of him.

RING: Okay, assuming Michael comes out on top, how will he work with all three organizations, the WBA, WBC and IBF? Or will he just say, to hell with 'em, I'm the people's champ, I'll do what I like?

LEWIS: You got to remember, we worked with all three organizations for almost four years, when Michael was light heavyweight champ. It was hard as hell; my lips got chapped from a lot of ass-kissing. So I'm familiar with the politics. I'm not saying those groups won't get their noses out of joint as they've done in the past. And I'll do my best to satisfy every one of them. But if it comes to an impasse, I'll just have to say, hey, do whatever you want! Everybody knows who the champ is! If we win the series, it won't be that hard to get along with those organizations, because they won't make it that hard. What could they do?



Butch (center) hams it up with Leon and Michael Spinks.

RING: My own feeling is, boxing could get along without those three organizations already.

LEWIS: Hey! Now, don't quote me on that! (*Laughs*) I gotta live with these people; don't put me on the line with that shit! I can tell you some things off the record, but nothing *on* no goddam record! Commit political suicide? Hell no! You ain't gonna fit that one in!

RING: Okay so let's assume you fight Cooney. What happens?

LEWIS: We have a strategy for Cooney. The fight won't go the distance. Hey, the only reason Cooney is un-retired is that Michael Spinks is the champ. He thinks if ever he could win the heavyweight title, it's from this little light heavyweight that he can jump on. I'm sure that's his people's thinking.

But you know, everybody's got to go through a building period in this industry. But then at some stage, you have to fight real guys. The only real guy Gerry ever fought was Larry [Holmes]. So I don't think Gerry knows how good he really is. He could have been a much better fighter if he'd fought someone. Because he can punch. Anybody he can hit he can knock out. But . . .

RING: But he's a coward, has no self-confidence, doesn't fight anyone he can't bully . . .

LEWIS: His career says that. But I don't know if that's really the case. It's been a lot of times that Michael's said to me, man, I'm ready; let me do the business. So, now, I'm not saying Cooney said, let me at this guy. I don't think that happened. But I think his management was over-protective, and then Cooney got second thoughts about himself: Hey, maybe I *can't* fight! Had I managed Gerry Cooney's career, I'd have managed him different. But, hey, they're still going to the bank with a lot of money, my man. They're doing something right.

RING: Okay, so what are you doing to give Michael Spinks a higher profile outside the ring? Or are you not concentrating on that?

LEWIS: Well, I am. There are lots of things we have to overcome. The pace that was set by Leon spilled over onto us. Leon and Michael are so different it's like day and night. Michael's a loner; he doesn't like to stay out at all the parties and . . .

RING: So, it sounds like people are expecting Michael to be all freaky-deaky like Leon and are disappointed when he isn't.

LEWIS: They were labeling him . . . they thought he was when in fact he's not.

He's just the opposite, and doesn't like people coming up and forcing themselves on him. He loves to involve himself now in drug programs. He enjoys going out and talking to schoolkids, and he doesn't care if there's a TV camera or a writer there or not. So, publicity is something that he hasn't sought and that I haven't pushed. He doesn't want to be on the society pages with this girl or that one. He does things that aren't recognized by the media. He raised $300,000 for a girl in Florida who needed a kidney transplant. He wanted to do it, made him feel good, you know what I'm saying? He's been talking to kids about drugs long before anybody'd heard of crack or 'just say no.' Yeah, you have to keep your face and your image out there, and he may take a part in a movie, or maybe a sitcom, but I'm not going to push him.

RING: We've been talking about Michael all this time. How about a little background on yourself? How did you get into the business?

LEWIS: Joe, we don't have enough time on that tape. Real quick, it started back in Philadelphia with a relationship that my dad had with Cloverlay [the corporation that managed Joe Frazier] and Joe Frazier. Joe and I became close — this was before he was champ — and we started traveling around together, I'd do things for him . . .

RING: You were his gopher, basically

LEWIS: Yeah. And because I loved to be around, I got the opportunity to sit in a corner and listen to negotiations having to do with his fights, and I was saying, whoa, a guy doesn't get the chance to be on the inside like this! People would say, who's he? And they'd say, he's nothing. But then a bunch of guys from Germany saw me at all these major fights and thought I was a promoter. Next thing I know, they were contacting me to put on a fight for them. Anyway, my first fight was an Ali fight. My first fight ever, an Ali fight in Munich, Germany.

RING: Richard Dunn.

LEWIS: Richard Dunn. That was my first fight. But I really couldn't begin to tell you how I got where I am now. I have always had a good team with me. I never forgot that.

RING: Now, you first started making a name for yourself with Leon Spinks. How did you get him?

LEWIS: I went to the Olympics in 1976 and signed him and Michael. I went there not knowing I was going to sign anyone.

RING: How did you sign them? On your good looks?

LEWIS: I just turned out to be the one they decided to go with. And Leon wasn't proven wrong. He was on top of the world after seven fights.

RING: What's Leon doing these days? Is he all right?

LEWIS: He's healthy, I know that. And I know Michael keeps an eye on him.

RING: Will he fight again?

LEWIS: I would hope not, simply because Leon's never going to change his free-spirited manner and get down to hard training like he should. He can't make no comeback, and I think that unless a fighter is fighting toward a world title, he shouldn't be fighting.

But a man, goddammit, is not here forever. If there's something you want to do, and you don't do it, you can't go back and do it; you can't be saying to yourself, goddam, I should have done that. So goddam go ahead and take the shot! I say that with Leon and with anyone else. I would like to see him retire. But it's his thing.

RING: But what can boxing do about a guy like Leon, who makes it to the top, and then blows all his money and messes up his life? You know, if Leon weren't lucky, he'd be on skid row now. Can boxing do anything for guys like that?

LEWIS: Not really.

RING: Can we try?

LEWIS: Well, in team sports, if it gets to a point where the management feels, okay, Joe, it's time for you to go; we'll fill your spot with a young guy. well, that's it. But in boxing, all you need is a physical to get the license. And maybe you can't fight in all the top markets, but you can go to the smaller towns and still fight, still make a living. The other day, a European promoter he called me, says I can take Leon on a European tour. I said, hey, man, don't call me with that garbage. Yeah, he can make money, but he can also get hurt.

RING: Okay, but say you got a guy who's always made a living as a fighter—never was great, but always was good enough to make a living—and now he's 30, 32 years old . . .

LEWIS: And cannot fight any more. Should not fight any more.

RING: Right. What does he do? What *can* he do?

LEWIS: I wish I knew the answer. I mean, there's guys that are good people, they're guys you want to help, but you don't know how to help them. I know guys I've loved as fighters, but if I were running a gas station, I wouldn't want them pumping my gas, know what I mean?

The majority of fighters come from humble, humble beginnings; most have next to no formal education. You have to go back to damn near square one, really, you know what I'm saying? So what can you do? I don't know. At 35, you don't know what life is about yet. And all of a sudden you tell the guy, here it is, check it out.

It's like having a stallion you took off the range. You took him off the range and turned the sumbitch into a great race horse. Now you're going to take him back to school and turn him into a circus horse? At 35?

And while he's fighting? It's tough enough for kids who aren't Olympic champs to be fighters full time. They have to work, train after work, maybe raise a family, and if you tell him on top of that he's got to go to school for three hours.

We got to be realistic, man. That just can't work. It won't happen. But when a guy chooses boxing as a profession, a lot of times out of necessity, it's a gamble, it's a brass ring. It's within his reach, and if he makes it, it's a feeling like . . . forget being a Super Bowl quarterback or any of that shit. You know what it's like at a championship fight, you know that there's no other feeling like going to a major fight. When you go to a major fight, you got butterflies in your stomach, shit, *you* screwed up, sitting there at ringside. That shit is heavy!

And these kids say, I can come from zero to here. If I can put it together, I got a shot; I don't have to go to no college or get drafted.

RING: So, can you tell me what you think is wrong with boxing?

LEWIS: First, I think that anybody should not be able to just be licensed to work a fighter's corner. You don't have to pass any kind of test. A guy says he's a cut man, he's a cut man. I saw a guy — true story — put a Band-Aid on his man's cut in the ring. (*Laughs*) I'm telling you! I was running a show in Louisville, kids gets cut, guy puts a plastic band strip on the sumbitch's eye. I say, no, I don't believe what I'm looking at! But it's true. You can slap down 20, 25 bucks for a license, and you're a trainer. You got it, man!

Now, a manager can just screw up, make bad matches and the guy's career go nowhere. But in the corner, you got a guy's life in your hands. And not only in the corner. In the gym! You got to see things. If the right people had maybe been with certain guys who died in the ring—these things don't happen off one fight — the right people might have seen that there was something wrong there. His reflexes were wrong, he had a funny look in his eye, something, man.

And I think they should stop putting unqualified commissioners on state commissions. Some commissions, that's a political appointment! That's not being fair to the sport if you put a guy in charge who don't know what a boxing glove looks like. That's bullshit. But that's the way they deal with boxing.

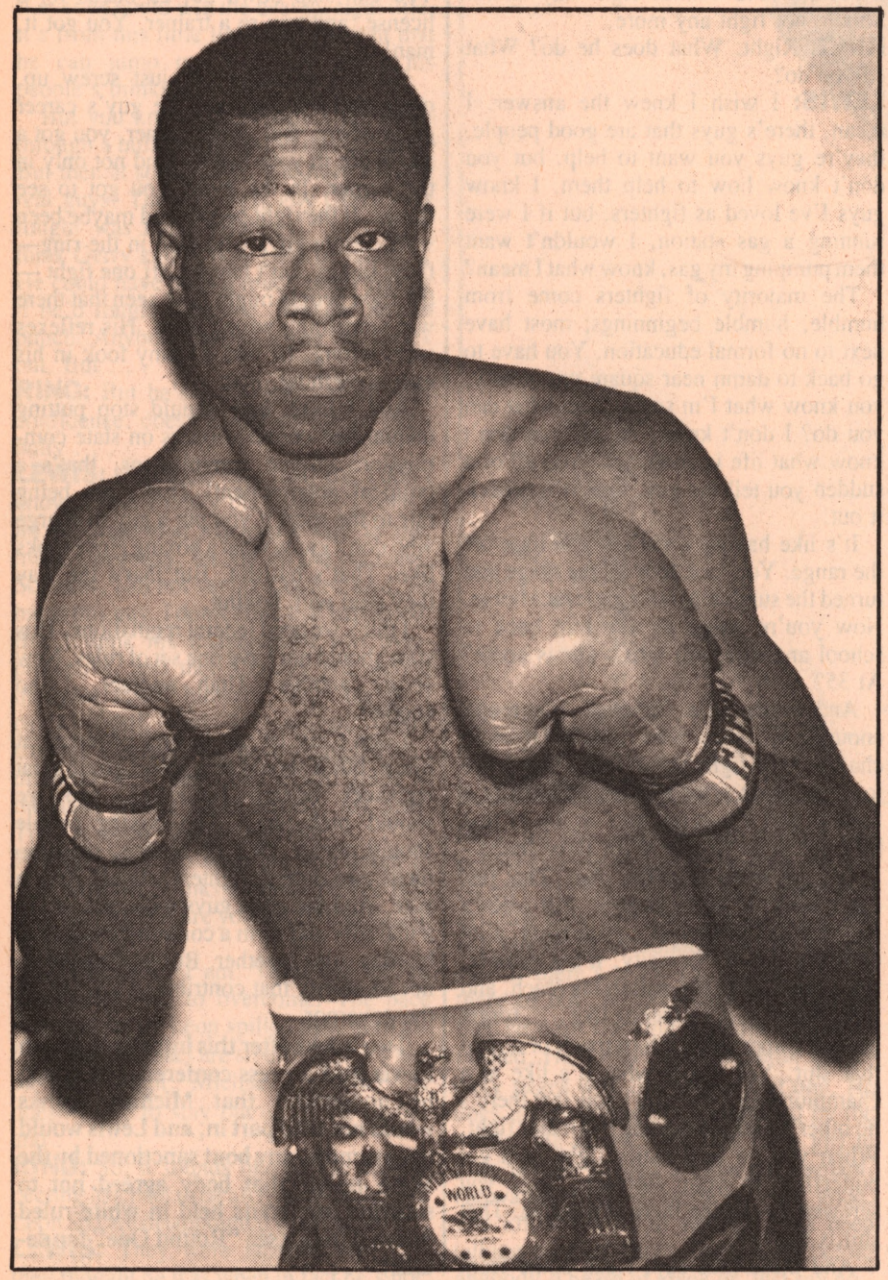
I think we need federal regulations. This state should not have one set of rules, New Jersey another, Utah another, Idaho another.

I don't say let the federal government run it, but it should be a select group [that legislates boxing federally], and we should pick them. The boxing people should decide. We of boxing, management, promoters, fighters, should have a vote. And the good guys will come out in a majority and form a commission and put blanket rules together. But let them do it, not some guy that contributed $20,000 to the governor. □

Two weeks after this interview, Butch Lewis held a press conference at which he announced that Michael Spinks would not take part in, and Lewis would not promote, any bout sanctioned by the WBA unless that body agreed not to sanction any bouts held in white-ruled South Africa. (see "Round One" for details)

BUSTER DRAYTON: THE JOURNEY MAN WHO BECAME A CHAMP

by Nigel Collins



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YOU CAN COUNT THE PEOPLE WHO thought Buster (The Demon) Drayton would ever become a world champion on the fingers of one hand.

Oddly enough, Drayton wasn't even one of them. In fact, it took considerable arm twisting to get Buster in the ring in the first place.

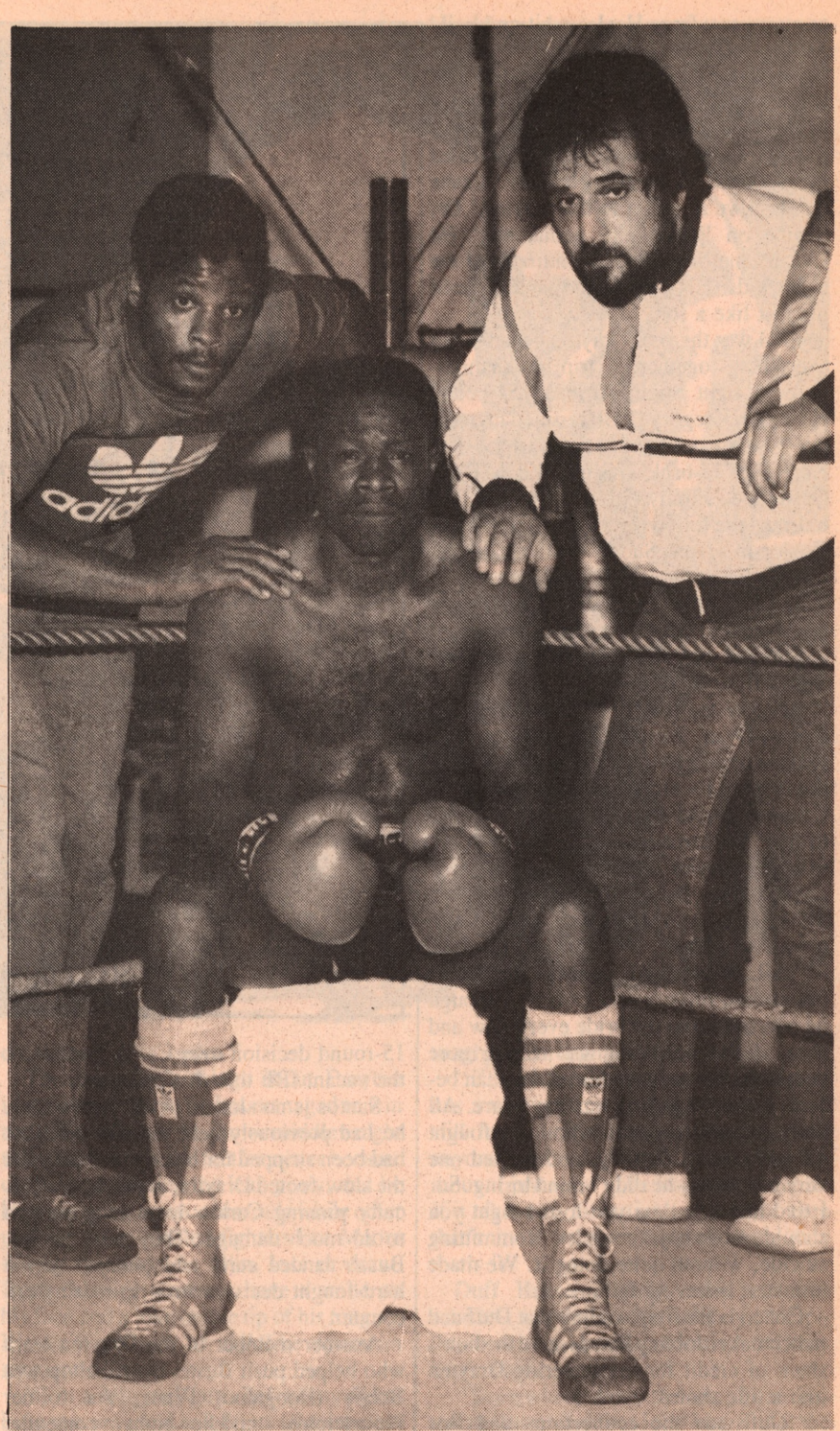
"I got talked into it," said Drayton, as he sat in *The Ring's* editorial offices, beaming from ear to ear, recounting the tale of his strange fistic odyssey.

Buster had just returned from the French Riviera, where he had successfully defended his IBF junior middleweight title with a 10th round TKO over Davey Moore. Geographically, Drayton had come almost full circle, back to that part of the world where he had first donned the mitts while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

"We were on a Mediterranean cruise, and one Sunday, they announced they were gonna have smokers up top on the flight deck," recalled Drayton. "I said, 'What are smokers?' And someone said, 'You know, they put the gloves on and box.' So, I went and watched the fights. After they were over, we were walking back to our compartment and a guy came strolling along saying, 'Hey buddy, step to one side.' I kept on walking and he stopped me and said, 'Don't you know who I am? My name is Ferguson. I'm the ships's champion and if you don't get out of my way, come next Sunday, you're finished.' I didn't move and he walked around me.

"Everybody said I was dead meat, but I figured it would blow over. We were all on the same ship and everything. The next Sunday I went to see the smokers again and this guy Ferguson gets in the ring and starts pointing at me. I said, 'Man, I'm not going in there.' Then everybody started telling me not to be chicken. They were saying, 'You're from Philly. You're not supposed to be scared. Get on down there.' Eventually, they talked me into it. So, I put on the gloves and that's when I started throwing those overhand rights. In the second round I caught him with one and he went down. That was it. He had

IBF junior middleweight boss Buster Drayton shows off the belt few people thought him capable of winning. After a mediocre start, Buster has turned his career around, winning 14 of his last 15 bouts.



The winning combination (from left to right) of trainer Boogaloo Watts, fighter Buster Drayton and manager Ivan Cohen. Although Watts retired from the ring several years ago, he still runs and spars with Drayton.

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a concussion and had to be hospitalized."

Drayton's boxing career would have probably ended right then and there if it hadn't been for a certain Lt. Peterson, who gave the reluctant warrior extra duty until Buster finally agreed to join the Marines' boxing team.

"He had me shining brass doorknobs and everything." said Drayton. "I gave in just to get him off my back. Yeah, Lt. Peterson. I'll never forget him."

After his stint with the Marines was over, Drayton continued to box, but without much purpose.

"Fighting was just fighting. I stayed in the gym to keep myself in shape, but a goal wasn't really set in my mind. I never even dreamed of being a champion. After I won the Golden Gloves, I was going to quit boxing. But my mother and father said, "Listen son, you never quit when you're on top. Go as far as you can. When you feel you can't go any further, that's when you quit.' That's when I went to see Ivan."

Ivan is Ivan Cohen, a large-bellied, bearded Philadelphian with a mouth big enough to swallow the Liberty Bell and a heart as soft as Philadelphia cream cheese. He had faith in Buster when practically nobody else did and stuck with his erratic charge through thick and thin.

"Buster and I have a father/son relationship," said Cohen. "He's as close to my family as my children are. He's like their big brother. I was always a believer in Buster Drayton. I knew if he had the opportunity to fight for a title, he would win."

However, for the first five years of Drayton's pro career, a title shot seemed as unlikely as knocking out the ship's bully had almost a decade earlier. The only consistant aspect of Buster's career was his inconsistency. Solid wins over the likes of Duane Thomas and Clint Jackson were offset by loses to relative unknowns such as Sambu Kalabay and Mario Maldonado. It was when Buster took a job as Marvelous Marvin Hagler's sparring partner that his attitude and won-loss record began to improve.

"Working with Marvin was like going to college," explains Drayton. "When I went to training camp with him, I thought to myself, 'Hey, this guy is the champion and I'm holding my own with him. I can really make something of myself."

The metamorphosis from journeyman to champion was not accomplished overnight. Becoming a member of Hagler's camp was not a total success. For awhile, Cohen let the Petronelli brothers book Buster's matches. The results were less than spectacular. Understandably, Pat and Goody were preoccupied with Hagler's career and after they put Drayton in with Fred Hutchings on only nine days' notice, Cohen decided it was time for a change.

"I told Buster he was going to take three months off," said Ivan. "He needed

to stay away from Hagler a bit and build himself back up.''

Despite his managerial difficulties with the Petronelli brothers, Drayton is still one of Marvelous Marvin's biggest fans.

''Marvin is a beautiful guy. He treated me like I was his brother. He'd say, 'Come on Bus, we're going to the movies.' Or, 'Come on Bus, we're gonna eat.' He showed me his house and introduced me to his kids. His mother and father treated me just like a son.''

1984 was the year Drayton began to put everything together. A trip to Johannesburg to fight South African 154-pound champion Gregory Clark resulted in a second round kayo victory for Buster. Then came back-to-back wins in London. First, Buster iced Jimmy Cable in two and then returned the following month to stop Mark Kaylor in seven. Suddenly, Drayton was on a roll.

The Kaylor knockout did more than just add another win to Drayton's ledger. It caught the eye of British boxing impresario Mickey Duff.

''Before the Kaylor fight, Mickey said to me, 'Ivan, Buster lost to all the full-fledged middleweights he's fought, so I'm not looking for him to win,' '' remembers Cohen. ''I told Mickey we didn't come to lose; we came to win. Buster is going to knock Kaylor out.''

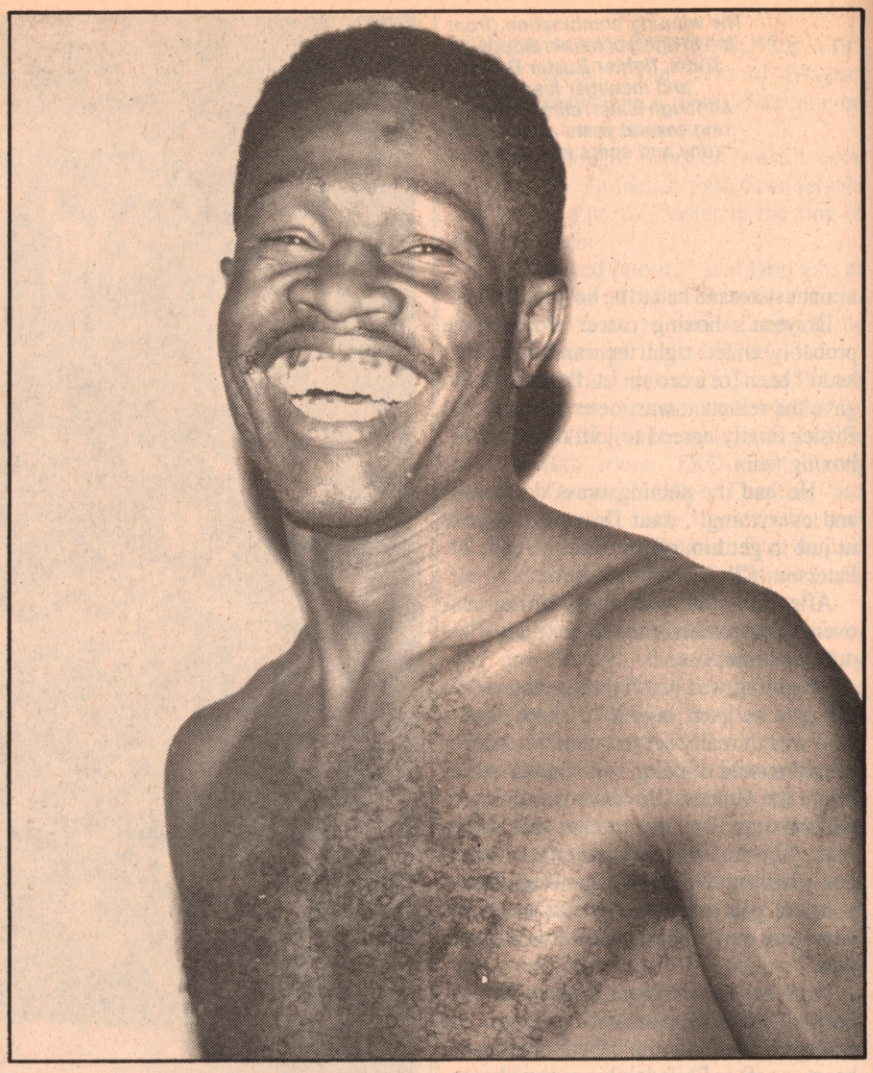
Soon after Buster dismantled Kaylor, Mickey and Ivan struck a deal and began to work together.

''All Buster had been getting were bridesmaid roles,'' said Duff. ''Although he was upsetting the bride every now and then, all that was doing was making more people decide to leave him alone than before. It wasn't getting him anywhere. All Drayton lacked was ambition. He fought for the sake of fighting, and he had one very bad fault—he didn't mind losing. So, I told him any time you lose a fight you should seriously consider committing suicide, without quite doing it. We made him start believing in himself.''

Cohen is the first to admit that Duff and matchmaker Johnny Bos deserve the lion's share of credit for maneuvering Drayton into a title shot.

''Duff had the connections and Bos picked the right opponents. They really did a number for Buster.''

They certainly must be doing something right. Except for a debatable points loss to James Kinchen, Buster hasn't lost since October of 1983. All told, he has won 14 out of his last 15 bout for an overall record of 30-9-1 with 22 kayoes. Of course, the most important victory of the lot was his 15-round decision over Carlos Santos for the vacant IBF title this past June.



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The happy warrior. Win or lose, Drayton takes life as it comes. According to co-manager Mickey Duff, Buster's biggest fault used to be the fact that he didn't mind losing.

Santos is no slouch. A slick speedster, he had previously held the IBF belt, but had been stripped for inactivity. Many felt the slow-footed Drayton would have difficulty pinning Carlos down long enough to do much damage. They were wrong. Buster landed early and often to take a hard-fought decision in a rip-roaring encounter.

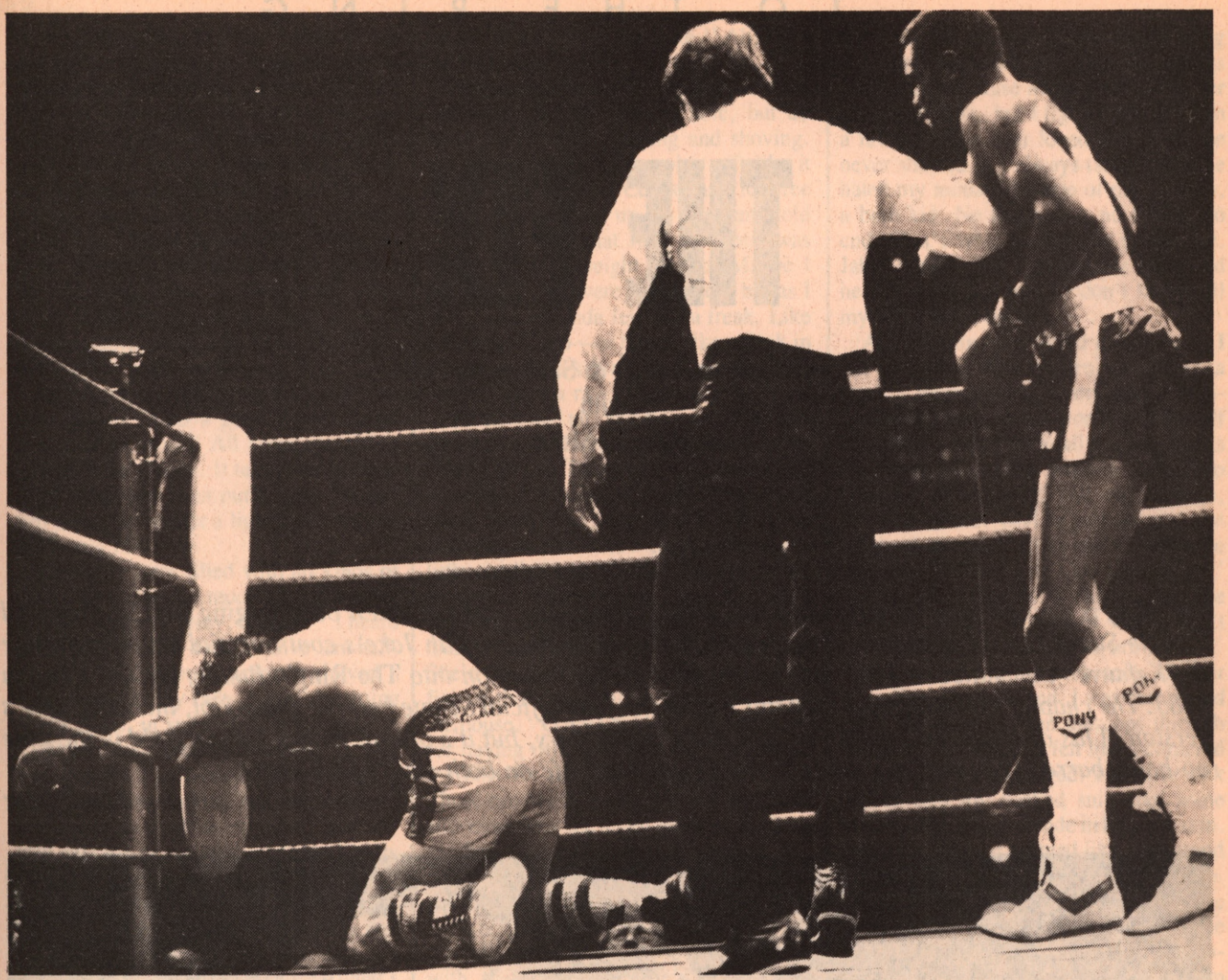
Another member of the Drayton team who helped push Buster over the top was Bobby (Boogaloo) Watts, the former Philadelphis middleweight contender turned trainer. The chemistry between Drayton and Watts has proved invaluable.

''Bobby gets up and runs with me every morning,'' reports Drayton. ''He says stuff like, 'Bus, I think I'm gonna beat you by half a block today.' So I say, 'Yeah, we'll see.' That's my push, that's what drives me.''

For the Moore fight, Watts went beyond the call of duty to make sure Buster was ready for the former WBA champion.

''I had Ralph Smiley as a sparring partner, but he was getting a little worn down,'' said Drayton. ''Then one day, Bobby grabbed the gloves and cup, climbed in the ring and said, 'Okay Bus, it's time to go to work.' He did a perfect imitation of Davey Moore, but he threw more stuff than Davey. I said, 'Bobby, there ain't nobody gonna beat me after this.''

Even with his recent success, there are many boxing people who still refuse to



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The referee holds Drayton back as Mark Kaylor tries to recover from the effects of Buster's heavy punching. It was his big win over Kaylor in London that started Drayton on the road to the championship.

give Drayton his due. During the broadcast of the Moore fight, NBC-TV's Dr. Ferdie Pacheco seemed almost apologetic when speaking of Buster as a world champion.

"A lot of people don't figure me to be a champion because I don't have that fancy style or that fancy footwork," admits Drayton. "When they think of a champion, that's what they think of. But both Marvin and Boogaloo told me to forget about fancy footwork. I know I look awkward in the ring sometimes, but it works for me and I intend to keep doing what I do as long as it works."

The remarkable things about Drayton is not so much that he has managed to win the IBF portion of the junior middleweight title. Rather, it's the fact he never became discouraged during the lean years, that he kept plugging away at his trade while other perhaps more talented fighters like Moore fell by the wayside. Win, lose or draw, Buster always seems to have a smile on his face and a joke on the tip of his tongue. It's as if an aura of childlike optimism surrounds him.

"I'm a religious guy. Before my fights I always pray and ask Jesus to come into me and guide me. I always say if I lose this fight, let it be because it's God's will. Not good luck or bad luck. Not because of the referee or judges. No voodoo or witchcraft. And if I lose, I accept it as being God's will. That's why I can smile at the end of every fight."

At 32, Drayton realizes he doesn't have too much time left before age and all those tough fights begins to take its toll.

"I'll be honest with you. Mother Nature has a way with time. Time doesn't stand still for nobody. I'm not trying to beat anyone's record. I don't want to be famous. I just want to be financially secure. If it takes two more fights to do that, then that's it. If it takes three or four, then that's it."

Duff has a slightly more concrete schedule in mind for his unlikely champion, involving another member of Mickey's stable.

"Somewhere down the line, I can visualize Buster fighting John Mugabi for the undisputed junior middleweight title," said Duff, as he tried to suppress a smirk. "And I'll be sitting back saying, 'Come on somebody.' "

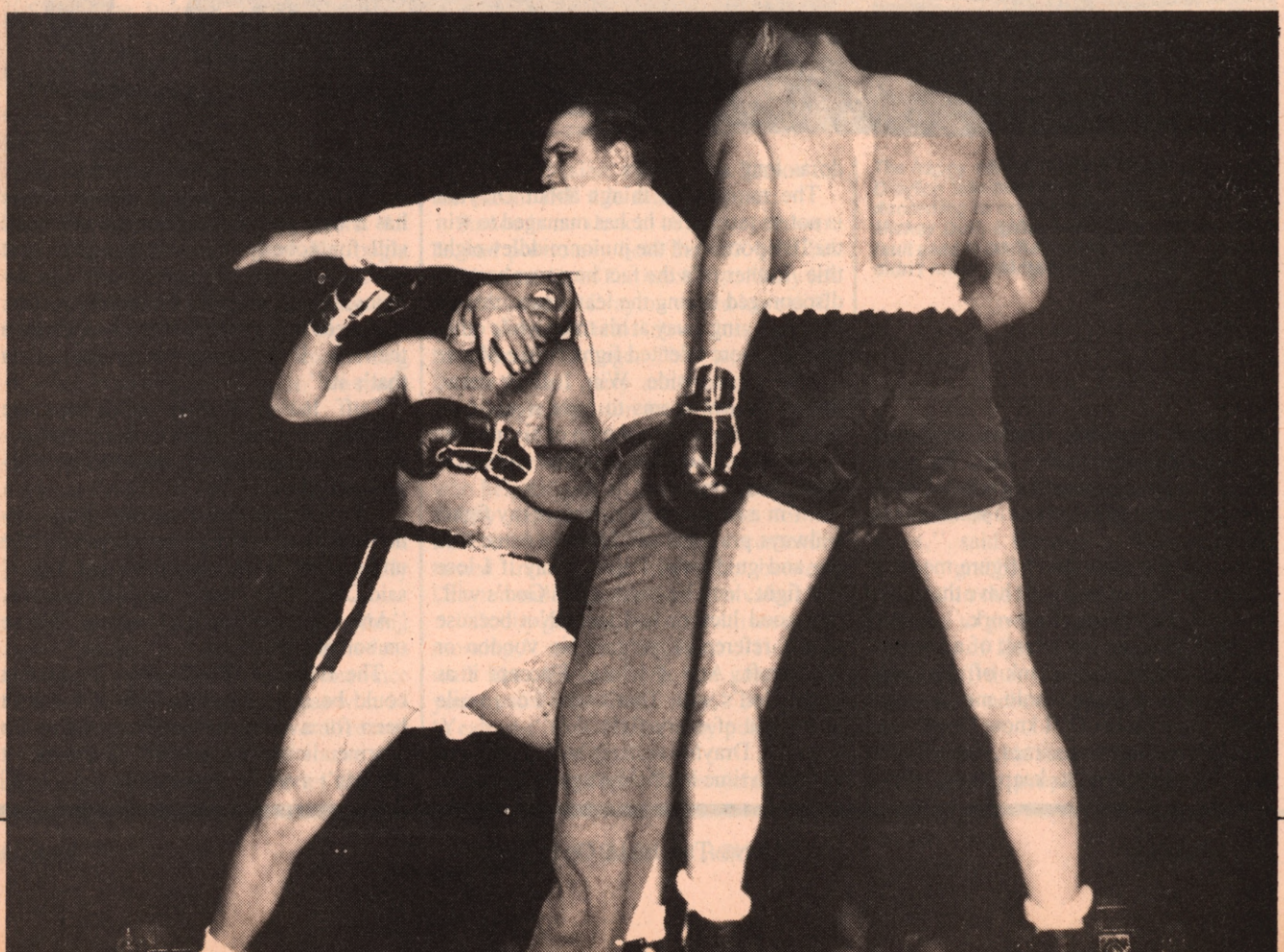
The Beast vs. The Demon. Now, that could be quite a rumble. But if it hadn't been for a sailor named Ferguson and a Marine lieutenant named Peterson, it wouldn't even be a possibility. □

THE FIX

by Chris Anderson & Sharon McGehee
with
Jake LaMotta

The Ring *is pleased to present an exclusive excerpt from Jake LaMotta's new book* Raging Bull II, *published by Lyle Stuart Inc. of Secaucus, New Jersey. This sequel begins with Jake's controversial testimony before the Kefauver Committee in 1960 and concludes with his induction into* The Ring's *Boxing Hall of Fame in 1985. The chapter reprinted here contains a portion of the official Senate hearing transcript, including Jake's version of his dive against Jimmy Fox. It's not a pretty story, but it's part of boxing history, told in the same no-holds-barred style that has characterized LaMotta's life on both sides of the ropes.*

—The Editor



IT WAS RAINING HARD ENOUGH TO hurt as I stood looking up from the bottom of those long steps to the old Senate Office Building. I never did like Washington. All those over-sized buildings and monuments made me feel like some dumb bug crawling around a pyramid or something. I guess I was about as alone as any one guy could get. The Middleweight Champion of the World about to admit to the greatest sin in boxing. What a shit feeling—like going to confession for the first time. I was in a cold sweat. My body felt like a million pins were pinching my flesh. I felt I did nothing wrong. Everybody wants to be a champ. What a great feeling to be champ of the world! All I ever wanted to do was to be champ. It takes connections to get what you want out of life. It takes two wires to connect a light bulb. All my life I only had one.

The steps were filled with all kinds of umbrellas and pushy reporters, all waiting for me to arrive. "Hey, Champ!" I heard in the background. Then, "Give 'em hell, Champ!" Some punk reporter shoved a microphone in my face. "Are you going to talk, Jake, in spite of mob reprisals?" "Did you really take the dive, Jake?" Will your brother Joey testify?" I kept staring straight ahead, shoving my hands deeper into my pants pockets, trying to push my way past the crowd and all those creepy reporters. I never did like reporters, and they didn't like me. They never print what the truth is. You tell them the truth and when you read about it the next day, it's been twisted and turned around. So what's the sense in talking to them? Sure, they all liked talking to my wife Vickie—shoving those microphones in her face like they were big hardons.

Reporters—bullshit! In my day they were all paid off with fat envelopes from the boys upstairs. That's how they created a demand for their boxers. The sports writers would go back and write up a bum who couldn't fight his way out of a paper bag. Then in a few months, with all the bullshit in the columns, they'd come up with a hot new contender. It wasn't that way with me. Nobody was handing out envelopes on my behalf. But I can remember guys like Dan Parker of the *New York Mirror* and Jimmy Cannon of the *Journal-American*—newspapers that aren't around any more. They always gave me a fair shake in their columns, calling me the uncrowned middleweight champ when the other bums were calling me names like "Jake the Snake" and "Jake the Rake." After today I guess they'd all be calling me "Jake the Fake." Ah, Who the hell cares anymore . . . .

I wanted to run up the rest of those steps and duck into the nearest hole, but all those people were pushing and shoving. All those flash bulbs popping off, like it was the night I beat Cerdan and Referee Johnny Weber held up my hand and told the whole word that Jake La Motta was the new middleweight champ. Maybe I liked what they were doing then, but as I think back, I kinda felt like a freak. Like a freak in a zoo—or better, like a geek in a carnival. You know what a geek is? You throw a geek a raw chicken and he'll eat it, feathers and all, and everybody outside the cage will laugh and applaud. Was I a champ, or was I a geek? Only God knows what I was . . . I never really thought that much about God, not since I was a kid and Mom would send me out to buy those little candles with the pennies she'd hide from Pop. Then I'd duck into the candy store and place another nickel bet with the local bookie, just to keep Mom in candles. She'd place the candles in front of four or five of those religious statues she kept in the house. "O my God I am heartily sorry for having offended thee and I detest all my sins for they just punishment . . ." Those candles burned night and day. I can still remember the smell of those stinking candles. She really was religious.

My father on the other hand was really a pig. If I wasn't home before those church bells rang, he'd drag me up the steps and tie me to the foot of the bed and beat me with that broomstick he'd nailed nine leather strips to till my back bled. The mean bastard. Mom would try to pull him off me, and when that didn't work, she'd fake a faint. But he kept right on hitting me, with Mom lying on the floor next to me. "Maladrino, pedacuzo,s'fachimo!" he'd call me. Then there were the times he'd come home plastered and start choking Mom in the kitchen with my little sisters, Ann and Marie, crying in the corner and baby Albee bawling his head off in the crib upstairs. By the time I was twelve I was strong enough to pull him off her, but I never hit him. My brother Joey did that later on when he got big enough.

Joey was raised by our grandparents on the lower East Side and wasn't around that much to get all the beatings. Except one Christmas I remember, when Joey was still a kid and was visiting with Grandpa and Grandma. They'd brought over a load of fresh fruit and stuff. Joey took an extra orange from the table, and Pop belted him across the room. I guess he was saving the fruit for himself. They didn't bring Joey over too much after that. He always felt left out because Mom gave him to her parents to raise, but I figured she did him a favor. If Pop ever loved any of us, he never showed it. I always thought that he hated my mother because of me. A bum, a bum kid. No beginning, no future, no end. That's what he thought all his life. Jake, a bum, just a bum—like him. Did he still think that now? I don't know, all my life I don't know . . . .

All this rain, you could drown in it. I felt that every drop of rain was a tear, a tear my mother cried. Every time it thundered and rained, Mom would hide herself in a closet, away from all the bad things that were happening upstairs. I used to hold her in my arms and say, "Mom, don't be afraid. God is just movin' the furniture around." Then she would smile and say, "I love you too, Giacobino." Pop always called her a closet case. She wasn't. I always thought he was. I don't know if I ever loved him or not . . . .

The pit of my stomach took another nose dive. For a second, I was that scared punk kid running from the cops through the back alley again. I felt like a cornered rat about to be clobbered. I tried to sink deeper into my soaked suit, like some stupid turtle trying to hide in his own skin. All those steps, it seemed like a thousand of them. I wished I could reach the top. I wished nobody would ever have to be in my position today—the Champ of the World being led by the nose like a common stool pigeon. I wished I could slip and fall and be taken to the nearest hospital. No such luck. I had to face what I did wrong. Help me, Mom. You see, Mom had God on her side . . . .

All these thoughts came to me in a flash as I kept walking up to that big courtroom. It was June 14, 1960—Flag Day. I remembered it was Flag Day because it was always my job to hang out that old American flag Pop kept folded in the top drawer of his bureau. All those colored rags sticking out of those tenement windows like a bunch of dirty laundry. Italians in the Bronx back then were proud to be Americans—even if most of them weren't even citizens. Pop was born in Sicily, but he must have gotten his citizenship papers somewhere because I remember they drafted him into the Army.

First, they tried to draft me. I had just beat Sugar Ray Robinson for the first time and was finally making enough dough to take the family off home relief. Now they wanted me to go off and fight a war. I

The end of "the fix." Referee Frank Fullman restrains Jake LaMotta after awarding Billy Fox a TKO in the fourth round of their infamous 1947 bout in New York City.

didn't pass the physical because of my bad left ear. I'd dropped out of school in the eighth grade because I couldn't hear the teacher. I was eight years old when Mom wrapped my head in a scarf and walked with me in the bitter cold all the way to Marasenia Hospital in the Bronx. "I want to be a fighter," I told the doctor. "Forget it," he said. "You'll never fight with that ear." The doc didn't know who he was talking to. My brother Joey acted insane and went berserk and hit a sergeant during his physical. They had to take somebody from the family, so they wound up with Pop. He was 45 and had bad feet, but they took him anyway. "Imagine me," he said. "I gotta go and fighta my owna people. What a stupida country.!"

Pop was off somewhere in Sicily now, living it up on social security. He took off, leaving my mother and sisters holding the bag, as usual. Way to go, Pop. If he was with me today, he'd probably be ashamed. He'd pull that wide-brimmed hat down over his eyes and slouch a bit, like he was tryin' to hide something—a poor man's Mussolini. I might even have cared how he felt, maybe for the first time in my life. But he wasn't here, and I didn't care. . . .

I kept looking around for my brother Joey. The cocky bastard. Here I was about to be hung on the cross and he's nowhere in sight. Wasn't he the one that said, "Ya open your mouth and they'll kill ya?" Simple as that. I still hadn't figured out how I was going to answer the D.A.'s questions and keep on living. I'm not the type that scares easy, but I'm not that stupid either. Nobody rats on the mob and lives to brag about it. Sure, some of them were dead by now. But the code of silence goes beyond the grave—way beyond. Besides, I wasn't a rat.

I'd pretty much decided to take the whole rap myself. I didn't even have a mouthpiece with me. I never trusted lawyers or managers. I never trusted nobody except Joey. The last manager I had I threw down a flight of steps for trying to double-cross me. And that was 20 years ago. He tried to sign me up for another four years so he could use his mob connections. He wouldn't sign the paper releasing me from his phony contract, so I choked him till he did. Then he sues me for attempted murder. I stood up before the grand jury and told them, "If I was gonna kill the guy, I could've done it in a minute." They dismissed the case.

After that I always figured I could take care of myself better than any lousy thirty percenter. I figured all I needed was a stamp. That's why it took me so long to get a title match. I wasn't giving the mob their fifty percent cut. I figured I could do it on my own. I figured wrong. I guess if I'd played ball with the wiseguys sooner I'd have saved myself a lot of time and made a lot more money. But that wasn't my way. I really believed I could be an independent fighter, and for a long time there, I was. A lot of good it was doing me now.

I gave one last shove past all the noise and the crowd and slipped through the huge metal door that a security guard cracked open for me. It was cool and dark and quiet as a tomb inside. The guard closed the door shut behind me. It sounded like the clang of a prison cell. I spied Joey at the far end of the empty hall. He was leaning up against the wall with his arms folded, listening to his lawyer. As I started walking toward them, the lawyer creep suddenly shut up and walked away. I could tell by the funny look on Joey's face that he'd been told to clam up around me. The creep lawyer just sat on that windowsill that was as wide as a love seat, puffing on some cheap cigar and staring at us, not saying a word, while Joey and I kept pacing up and down the corridor like two tigers in a cage. We were waiting our turn to get slaughtered. I'd look at him and he'd look at me as we passed each other. Now and then we'd shrug our shoulders at each other, each time thinking harder than the first. Should I lie about these mobster creeps to protect them? I didn't owe anything to any of them.

What I got, I paid plenty for. I didn't mind admitting to my part in the deal. I wanted to come clean. I wasn't exactly proud of it, but I did what I had to in order to get my rightful shot at the title, and if I had to, to get the championship, I'd do it again. The statue of limitations was up on the whole goddam mess by now anyway. The D.A. couldn't touch me. But if I named names . . . They'd already put Frankie Carbo away—Jim Norris's top wiseguy—and in the fight game they didn't come any bigger than Norris and Carbo. I had no beef with them. Didn't they sign me for the championship bout like they promised? So Norris and Carbo were in the front row for most of my fights—so what? I knew I'd be deader than a doornail. Squealing on myself was one thing. In my world the golden rule went something like: "Thou shalt not squeal on others . . ." All my life I'd lived by that code of survival, and I wasn't about to turn rat now. And what about Joey? They'd get him, too. Sure, I okayed all the deals, but Joey was in on every deal I'd made. What a goddam bind we were in.

Suddenly we both stopped pacing and looked hard at each other. "What are you going to do?" I finally asked him. He looked at me like I was crazy. "I'm gonna take the Fifth all the way. What do ya think, I'm stupid?"

"What do ya mean, take the Fifth?" Joey had talked to his lawyer—I hadn't.

"I respectfully refuse to answer on the grounds I maka for myself a recrimination," he grinned. "Simple," he shrugged, "The D.A. can't touch me."

It was then that I knew what I had to do. If they couldn't nail Joey, then all I had to do was put the blame on him. That way we'd both walk out with our heads still attached to our shoulders. I didn't like it much, but what else could I do? I knew that those bastards set up the crime, and assholes like me go along and commit it.

This poker-faced guard came over and took me by the arm and led me through these gigantic oak doors into the Caucus Room. I was shitting in my pants, and I knew that if I did shit, somebody in that big room would clean it up. It made me feel important, and maybe sorry. I really did nothing wrong, at least nothing they were trying to prove. All I wanted to do was to be champ. What was I supposed to do—fight the whole stinkin' system? My hands were sweaty, almost as sweaty as the rest of me. I could have drenched a towel in two seconds.

Why do all court buildings have high ceilings? Maybe it's because they want to feel high and mighty, like god looking down on a bunch of ants. I never really believed in God, but I knew that ceiling could've been a hell of a lot higher. I was praying to Christ, but still I was as cocky as ever. I didn't give a f---, and then again, I did. All the times I'd f---ed up kept crying in my mind. Does anybody really give a good f--- about La Motta? Who the hell cares . . . . I'm not afraid of any of those rats!

There were microphones and cameras all over the joint. I sat down at the witness table before a panel of hard-looking faces. They probably didn't even talk to their mothers unless they were cross-examining them. Joey and his lawyer sat down at a table a distance away to my right. Behind me was a row of noisy reporters. The rest of the room was filled with nosy spectators. I tried hard not to look

over my shoulder. I didn't want to see any faces I might know. I immediately noticed one face that was familiar to me. It was Assistant D.A. Bonomi. A big hunk of a guy with hands the size of catchers' mitts. The kind of hands I'd always wished I had. I automatically folded my girl-sized hands in my lap and started twiddling my thumbs, like a schoolboy waiting see the principal.

I'd already gone a few rounds with Bonomi in the D.A.'s office a few weeks before He was tough, and he knew a lot about the fight game. One thing was for sure, he didn't pull any punches. Senator Kefauver—the big muck-a-muck who started this whole mess—wasn't in the room, but three other members of the senatorial committe were sitting up on the dias looking down on me. The holier-than-thou assholes, I didn't know them and I didn't want to know them, and I'm sure the feeling was mutual. Senators—who the hell knew from Senators? All I knew was back rooms and stinking catacombs with creeps and mobster wiseguys.

They started reading off the preliminaries, going through all the phony motions like they had all the time in the world and nothing better to do than examine everybody's asshole. I wasn't listening much. I was too busy trying not to squirm off my seat. I was wearing this old black suit that was too tight across my middle, a wrinkled shirt and a crummy yellow tie that felt like a rope around my neck—a regular Beau Brummel of the fight world. On and on they droned with that legal mumbo jumbo . . . . Then I heard my name mentioned and my ears pricked up.

"The main witness at the present hearing will be Jacob "Jake" La Motta, former middleweight champion. Other witnesses will include several boxing managers and underworld figures. In this preliminary phase of the hearings, testimony will center on three boxing matches:

"1) A middleweight match between "Jake" La Motta and Tony Janiro on June 6, 1947, in New York's Madison Square Garden.

"2) A light-heavyweight match between La Motta and Billy Fox on November 14, 1947, at Madison Square Garden.

"3) A middleweight championship match between La Motta and Marcel Cerdan on June 16, 1949, in Detroit.

"New York authorities conducted investigations concerning possible bribe offers to La Motta in the two 1947 matches. The 1949 match was the first championship bout promoted under the sole or partial auspices of the International Boxing Club of New York and marked the beginning of 'exclusive contract' control of major boxers by the IBC.

LaMotta chats with actor Paul Newman during a break on the set of "The Hustler." LaMotta played a bit part as a bartender.

What the f--- were they trying to do to me? I knew they were into the Fox fight. I expected that. But they were putting my whole career on the line—even the championship bout with Cerdan. I beat Cerdan square, and paid through the nose for it. What the hell did they care? They were out for blood—why not mine? This was going to be tougher than I thought. I tried to loosen my tie without being obvious. You show them you're scared and they automatically go for the throat. I ought to know. I could smell fear in a guy across the ring. It was that smell that drove me in for the kill.

The first guy finally sat down and another stood up—Senator Hruska from Nebraska. What the hell do they know about boxing in Nebraska? All of a sudden, everybody's an expert. What they'd never know would fill the whole room to the ceiling with transcripts. What they did know wouldn't scratch the surface of the whole stinking system. But here they all were, making expert testimony on something they couldn't see, smell, taste or touch . . . .

Senator Hruska: "It is well known to all of us that the American tradition in sports and in athletic contests generally is deeply founded in a background of fair play and an assumption that there is wholesome competition existent between the contestants, whoever they happen to be, whether they are individuals or whether they are teams. It is assumed and it is hoped that on each occasion in sports or athletic contests that the contestants will do their best and that they will sincerely and honestly try to prevail in the contest. And when sinsister influences enter into the picture, when other motives enter the scene, then this entire purpose and goal is defeated . . ."

Who did he think he was kidding with that pretty speech? Was he talking about boxing or a beauty contest? A fighter goes into the ring with one thing on his mind—to beat the shit out of the other guy before he beats the shit out of him. Kill or get killed. But the fighters don't run the game, and the wiseguys that do are never in the ring . . . .

Mr. Bonomi: "At this time, Mr. Chairman, may we call Jacob La Motta . . ."

Here we go . . . what round is it?

Senator Hart: Mr. La Motta, do you swear that the testimony you will give in this proceeding will be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
Mr. La Motta: Yes, sir.
Senator Hart: Mr. La Motta, will you state your name and address for the record, and then I will ask Mr. Bonomi to examine you.
La Motta: Jake La Motta, 345 East 52nd Street, New York City.
Bonomi: How old are you, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: Thirty-seven.
Bonomi: And what is your present occupation?
La Motta: Actor.
Bonomi: And were you the Middleweight Champion of the World at one time?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: And were you a professional boxer from 1941 to about 1954?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: About how many bouts did you have during that period?
La Motta: About 125.
Bonomi: What were some of the more important bouts that you engaged in during those 13 years?
La Motta: Well, I fought Ray Robinson six times, Marcel Cerdan, Fritzie Zivic four times, and a number of others.
Bonomi: Were you the first boxer to defeat Ray Robinson during his professional career?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: Can you estimate, Mr. La Motta, what your gross earnings were during that 13-year period from 1941 to 1954?
La Motta: About a million dollars.
Bonomi: Did there come a time when you won the middleweight championship of the world?
La Motta: Yes, sir
Bonomi: When was that?
La Motta: 1949.
Bonomi: And who did you fight at that time?
La Motta: Marcel Cerdan.
Bonomi: Where did that fight take place?
La Motta: Detroit, Michigan. Briggs Stadium.
Bonomi: How long did you hold the middleweight championship of the world?
La Motta: Two years.
Bonomi: And when you lost the middleweight championship, whom did you fight?
La Motta: Ray Robinson.
Bonomi: Where was that bout held?
La Motta: In Chicago.
Bonomi: And did that bout take place on February 14, 1951?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: Now, for some time in the period before you won the middleweight championship, were you known as the uncrowned middleweight champion?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: And during that period, did you have difficulty in getting bouts?
La Motta: Yes; sir.
Bonomi: Is there any explanation for the difficulty that you had in getting bouts?
La Motta: I was too good.
Bonomi: You recall that in 1947 you fought Billy Fox, a light-heavyweight boxer?
La Motta: Yes, sir.

LaMotta and family take a tour of the Bron after middleweight title. Jake is holding his son, Jo while LaMotta, Jake's brother, is on the far

Bonomi: And that was in the period when you had difficulty in getting bouts, is that right?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: In fact, this was an over-the-weight match, isn't that correct?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: Where did you fight Billy Fox?
La Motta: Madison Square Garden, New

after returning home from Detroit with the while Vickie holds daughter Jacqueline. Joe e far right, behind the driver.

York City.

Bonomi: And did that match take place on November 14 of 1947?

La Motta: I believe so.

Bonomi: On the record books, Mr. La Motta, that bout is listed as a knockout of you by Billy Fox in four rounds. In fact, the fight was fixed so that you would lose; isn't that correct?

La Motta: Yes, sir.

Bonomi: Now, will you state what happened in the ring during the Fox match?

La Motta: I would like to state from the beginning, if it is all right with you.

Bonomi: You may make whatever statement you want.

La Motta: When I signed for the Fox fight, after a couple of weeks I received an offer of $100,000 to lose to Billy Fox, which I refused. I said I was only interested in the championship fight. It was said it could be arranged, a championship fight might be arranged. That is all I heard for about a couple of weeks, and while in training I hurt myself and I went to a doctor and the doctor examined me and took X-rays and found out I had a ruptured spleen. He said I couldn't possibly fight, but I thought I could, and I started training again, and I instructed my sparring partners to concentrate their punches on my face, which they did. But as the fight kept getting closer, I found out—I realized that I had no strength in my arms. So therefore, when I was told again if I would lose to the Fox fight, I kept stalling them off because I still felt I could win. But as the fight kept getting closer, I realized that it was going to be kind of difficult. But toward the end, when I realized that I couldn't possibly win, I said I would lose to Billy Fox, if I was guaranteed a championship fight.

I thought I'd beat Bonomi to the punch, thinkin' I'd get out of there a lot sooner. If the judges was scoring this one, they'd have to give the first round to me on points. I might've stunned him a bit, but Bonomi held his ground. He was just gettin' warmed up. . . .

Bonomi: Mr. La Motta, you have stated, I believe, before this sub-committee that several weeks prior to the Billy Fox bout, you received a $100,000 bribe offer in order to throw the fight; is that correct?

Mr. La Motta: That is right.

Bonomi: From whom did you receive this $100,000 bribe offer?

La Motta: From my brother.

Bonomi: Your brother, Joseph La Motta?

La Motta: That is right.

I shot a quick look at Joey. He knew I'd thrown him a curve, but I knew like always he'd go along with it. His lawyer just glared at me.

Bonomi: Will you state in detail how this bribe offer was transmitted to you?

La Motta: He just said that if I would lose to Fox, I could get $100,000. He knew that I wasn't interested in it, but he had to give me the message, and I told him that I wasn't interested in the money, and that I was only interested in the championship fight.

It was Tuesday night—fight night at the Park Arena—four days before the Fox fight. Frankie Carbo had never shown up at my club before, but there he stood at the door with Fox's crooked manager, "Blinky" Palermo, and his sidekick, "Honest" Bill Daly. We walked down the steps to the basement past the fighters' dressing rooms to the end of the catacomb and made the deal. They couldn't believe it when I told them I didn't want the money. A hundred grand is a lot of dough, even when you say it fast. What they didn't know is that I would have paid them for a fair shot at the title. I'd been fighting forever, and I wasn't getting any younger. I knew they wanted the odds on the sucker bets so they could clean up, so I told them, if they could guarantee me a championship match, I'd lose to Fox. What they also didn't know was that with my ruptured spleen I'd have probably lost the fight anyway. So I figured I wasn't really doing them any big favor. I felt like a cockroach, but it was my only shot for the title, and I took it. I got the word I was waiting for the day before the fight. I had to trust they'd come through with their end of the bargain. They knew if they didn't they'd have to kill me before I killed them. . . .

Bonomi: Do you recall that you were interviewed on April 28 of 1960 by me and by Mr. McShane at your residence, and isn't it a fact that at that time you stated that you received a $100,000 bribe offer from "Blinky" Palermo and Bill Daly through your brother, Joseph La Motta?

La Motta: I am sorry, sir, that was never said. It might have been said in a different way, the way you put words into my mouth, but it was never said that way.

Bonomi: How was it said?

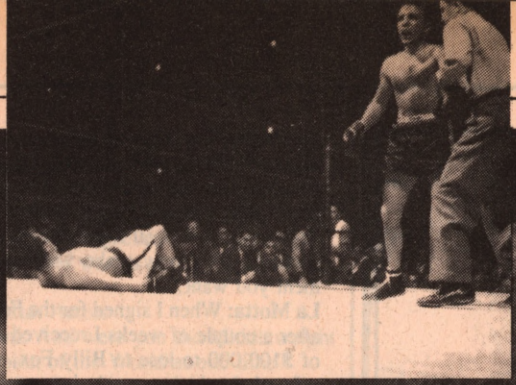
La Motta: It was probably said, if their names were mentioned in connection with the fight, I said, "Yes, Daly's and Palermo's names were mentioned in connection with the fight," but not in connection with the bribe offer because I know nobody that offered the bribe. The only information I got from it was from my brother.

Bonomi: What did your brother say, who did he say was offering the bribe?

La Motta: He did not mention names. I wasn't interested in any names. I was only interested in one thing, and that was the championship.

Bonomi: How do you explain, Mr. La Motta, the fact that on May 11, 1960, when a stenographic statement was taken in your lawyer's office, that you stated, to the best of your recollection, that a $100,000 bribe offer came through your brother from Bill Daly and Frank "Blinky" Palermo?

La Motta: I don't recall saying something like that. You know you guys start to ask



The "Raging Bull" is held at bay by referee Ruby Goldstein after LaMotta floored Tony Janiro shortly before the final bell. Time ran out before the count could be completed, but LaMotta got the decision, anyway.

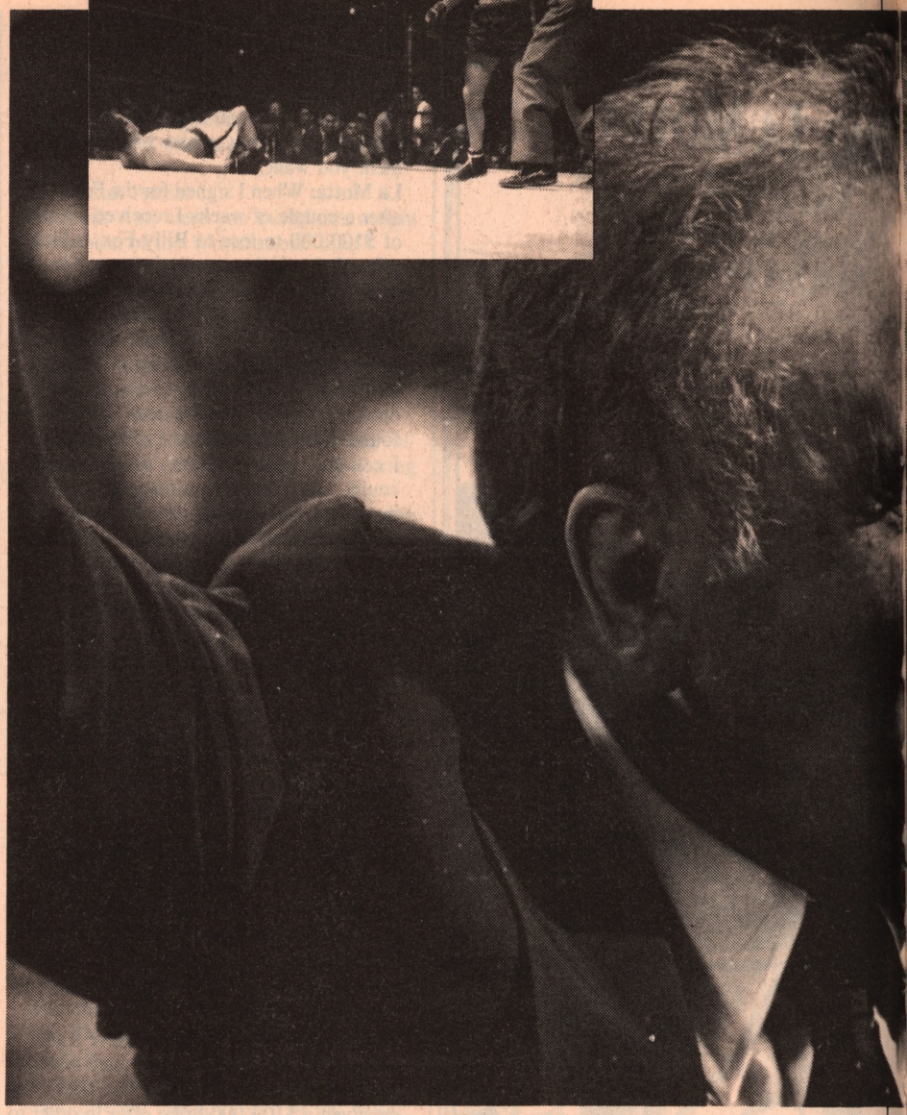
questions and then you stop for a pause and then you say some more questions and then you put them all together and you get a different kind of story.

Bonomi: Do you deny making the statement?

La Motta: I know in the statement I said that he definitely didn't; then later on you said I did. I don't know how it works out.

Bonomi's punches were getting sharper, and they were beginning to hurt. I was sweating. My eyes were beginning to blur. I yanked my tie loose and looked across at Joey and his lawyer. Joey just looked up and shrugged his shoulders, then looked back down at the pencil he was twirling in his fingers. I wished like hell that he could give the victory whistle he always blew from our corner that signaled the last thirty seconds of the round. That's when I knew to pour it on and finish the guy off. I knew Joey was in my corner, but he couldn't throw the towel into this ring. He knew Carbo and henchmen as well as I did, and what would happen to both of us if Bonomi's lucky punches got much closer. All we could do was hold our breath and wait for the next blow. . . .

I noticed Senator Hruska leaving the room—the guy from Nebraska with the pretty speeches. I guess he figured he knew the outcome. A real fight fan would know that the fight's not over till the last round. Like the time I came back from a vicious beating to knock out Dathuille in the last 13 seconds of the 15th round and defended my title. Bonomi was punching this one out like it was a title match. Maybe he wanted to be governor or something. What did I know? Anyway, he wasn't letting up. . . .



Once again the darling of the fight fans, LaMotta basks in the applause at a recent card in Madison Square Garden.

Bonomi: Do you recall being asked on May 11 of 1960 as to why you had made a false statement to the district attorney when he questioned you concerning the Fox fix? Do you recall being asked that?

Mr. La Motta: Yes.

Bonomi: I am reading from your statement of May 11 of 1960, page 6: Did Alfred Scotti—and I will identify him for the record; he is the Chief Assistant District Attorney in New York County—question you and at that time did you deny you threw the fight? Why did you deny it at that time and now you are telling me the story?

La Motta: I denied it at that time because I would get into trouble, but at this time my lawyer tells me to tell the truth because I can't get into trouble.

Bonomi: In other words, because of the statute of limitations?

La Motta: Yes.

Bonomi: Were you also afraid that you might be hurt if you told about the fix in the Fox fight?

La Motta: I was not told, I just would not say because I would get into trouble.

Bonomi: Did you feel that you might be hurt by somebody in the game?

La Motta: I imagine so.

Bonomi: So there were two reasons why you did not tell the truth to the district attorney. One is that it would involve you in a crime at that time and two that somebody in the mob might hurt you?

La Motta: Three is that I still had a chance for the championship fight.

Bonomi: When things cooled off?

La Motta: Yes.

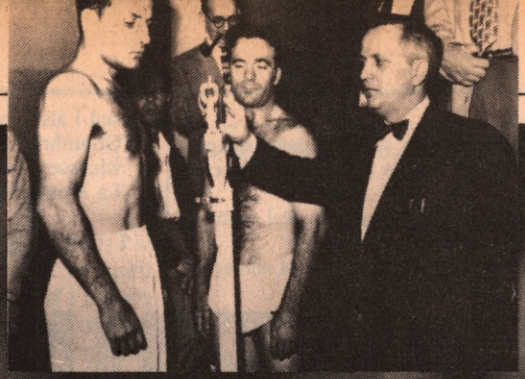
Bonomi: Do you recall making that statement to me on May 11, 1960?

La Motta: Yes, sir.

Bonomi: Now it was the truth at that time and is the truth today, isn't that correct?

La Motta: Yes.

Another Senator got up and left the room. Maybe he had to take a piss; maybe he was bored; or maybe he knew I was telling the truth and there was nothing else they could grab me on. Or maybe he even thought I was making the whole thing up. Here I was about to get my head blown off and they didn't care enough to sit through the last round. These shadow boxing committees get together every few years because "boxing smells to high heaven" and they think they're going to spray a little perfume around and make the stench go away. But the fact is nothing every changes. The wiseguys'll go on fixing the fights, and the punch drunk fighters will go on taking the dives, and the fight fans will go on betting the odds, like always. . . .



LaMotta steps on the scale as Marcel Cerdan looks on during the official weigh-in for their 1949 match for the world middleweight title. Jake won the crown with a 10th round TKO in Detroit.

Bonomi: Do you recall, Mr. La Motta, that you won the middleweight championship of the world from Marcel Cerdan in a bout on June 16, 1949, in Detroit?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: And two years had elapsed since the Fox bout, is that right?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: That was the cool-off period, is that correct?
La Motta: I guess so.
Bonomi: Will you state to the subcommittee the events leading up to the bout with Marcel Cerdan in June of 1949?
La Motta: I was told that if I wanted to fight for the championship with Cerdan, it would cost me $20,000.
Bonomi: What was that amount, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: $20,000.
Bonomi: Who told you that?
La Motta: My brother.
Bonomi: And did there come a time when you gave that $20,000 to your brother?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: Was that by cash or by check?
La Motta: Cash.
Bonomi: Will you please speak up, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: Cash.
Bonomi: Where did you have the cash?
La Motta: I had it in a vault.
Bonomi: At a bank?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: Will you relate to the subcommittee the circumstances under which you gave this money to your brother?
La Motta: Well, he said If I wanted a chance to fight Cerdan, that it would cost me $20,000, so I gave it to him.
Bonomi: You gave your brother, Joseph La Motta, the $20,000 in cash?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: And did you tell him where to bring the $20,000 in cash?
La Motta: I don't remember.
Bonomi: Did you tell him to whom the $20,000 in cash was to be delivered?
La Motta: Well, he was the one that told me.
Bonomi: You are stating that you gave no instructions to your brother?
La Motta: He just—
Bonomi: As to where the money should be delivered and to whom, is that what you are saying?
La Motta: No. He told me that I could get a chance to fight Cerdan, if I was ready to kick in with $20,000.
Bonomi: Did he tell you where the money would have to go?
La Motta: Where it had to go? Well, maybe he did, but I don't remember.
Bonomi: Didn't you have any interest in where $20,000 in cash was going?
La Motta: I knew it was in good hands.
Bonomi: In the hands of your brother Joey?
La Motta: That is right.
Bonomi: And it would be delivered?
La Motta: That is right.
Bonomi: In order for you to get the title shot, is that right?
La Motta: That is right.
Bonomi: You not only had to pay $20,000 in cash to a party whom you have not identified, but before you got the bout, you had to sign an exclusive services contract with the International Boxing Club of New York, did you not?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: And that agreement was made directly with Olympia Stadium Corporation?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: And by the terms of that contract, if you won the championship from Cerdan, you would be required to fight for the IBC exclusively for a three-year period, is that right?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: And did you have to sign a return bout contract with Cerdan?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: Providing for a re-match if you won?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: So that there were three things you had to do in order to finally get your match for the championship: You had to make a $20,000 payment to people connected with Cerdan; you had to sign an exclusive contract with the IBC of New York, and you had to sign for a return bout with Cerdan in case you won, is that right?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: Mr. La Motta, do you recall that your purse for the Cerdan bout was approximately $19,000?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: So that you paid out $20,000 in order to get the title match, and you received back a purse of $19,000.
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: So you were fighting for the middleweight championship for nothing, is

that correct?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: Did you try to cover yourself in some way?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: What did you do?
La Motta: I bet on myself.
Bonomi: Do you recall that the odds on the fight were 8 to 5 in favor of Cerdan?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: How much did you bet on yourself?
La Motta: To the best of my recollection, I think I bet $10,000.
Bonomi: And you won that match, did you not, by a KO in ten rounds?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: So that you recouped some of your loss by winning a $16,000 bet, is that right?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: You have stated before the committee about certain bribe offers that were made to you during that period. Was your experience a very unusual one at that time?
La Motta: I don't think so. Graziano was in trouble over a fictitious bribe offer when he fought Cowboy Shanks, I think it was, and they made a big thing out of it. It wasn't really nothing, because people in the fight game, we get all kinds of silly offers like that. A guy will come over to you and he will say, "Jake, I'll give you $100,000 if you lose this fight." You know what I mean, things like that. Some would say fantastic sums, you know, but you can't believe everybody. Some of it is true; some of it is not true.
Bonomi: Do you recall that at one time you managed a fighter by the name of Julio Mederos?
La Motta: Yes.
Bonomi: And did you manage him in the United States in the period between 1954 until Mederos knocked out Roland LaStarza in Miami Beach on March 2 of 1955?
La Motta: I think so.
Bonomi: You recall that you left as Mederos' manager when Mederos KO'd Roland LaStarza, do you not?
La Motta: Yes, sir.
Bonomi: What were the circumstances under which you left as manager or resigned as manager of Julios Mederos?
La Motta: I didn't like the environment.
Bonomi: Will you explain what you meant by not liking the environment?
La Motta: I didn't like the people he was associating with.
Bonomi: Who were those people?
La Motta: I don't know, a couple of phony tough guys.
Bonomi: Who were the "phony tough guys" that were connected with Mederos?
La Motta: I don't know their names.
Bonomi: Well, you remember that when you gave up the management of Julios Mederos, a boxing manager by the name of Jimmy White took over, do you not?
La Motta: I don't know. I guess so.
Bonomi: Don't you recall that, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: He was with another manager, partners with me, a guy by the name of Black.
Bonomi: And that person's real name is Louis Sacarama, is that correct?
La Motta: I don't know his real name, but I think you are right.
Bonomi: What happened that created this unpleasant atmosphere? In other words, how were you pushed out as manager of Julios Mederos?
La Motta: I wasn't pushed out; I walked out.
Bonomi: Why did you walk out?
La Motta: I just didn't like the people that were involved.
Bonomi: Some tough guys had moved in on Julios Mederos at that time, is that right?
La Motta: I guess so.
Bonomi: Don't you know?
La Motta: Well, they didn't exactly move in. They was just around. I just didn't like the environment. I never did like the environment, and if you look back on my record, you will see that I never liked the environment of these guys, and that is why it was tough for me to get anywhere in the boxing business. I had to take matters on my own. Of course, I made a mistake and I am very sorry I made a mistake, but at that time I thought I was right when I lost to Bill Fox.
Bonomi: And it makes it difficult for anybody who wants to be independent because these people infest the game, isn't that true?
La Motta: There is quite a lot of them in it.
Bonomi: And they exert an awful lot of influence, don't they, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: I think they do.
Bonomi: On the basis of your experience, you know they do, don't you?
La Motta: They never bothered me, they knew better.
Senator Hart (presiding): Mr. Bonomi, do you have any further questions?
Bonomi: No, I do not. No further questions at this time.
Senator Hart: Mr. Chumbris, for Senator Dirksen?
Mr. Chumbris: I have just a few questions. Mr. La Motta, what are you doing now? What is your profession?
La Motta: Actor.

This guy looked like he didn't believe me. What's the matter, didn't he ever see me fight?

Chumbris: What type of actor?
La Motta: All types.
Chumbris: Television shows?
La Motta: Well, I just finished doing a picture in Miami and I am working in a picture here in New York—I mean New York City.
Chumbris: Are you doing television shows, spot shows?
La Motta: No, not now. I was doing it, and I also do stage work.
Chumbris: Do you have any connection whatsoever with the boxing industry now?
La Motta: No, sir.

I started fishing in my pockets for something to wipe the sweat off my face. I couldn't believe it was over. Bonomi was stuffing papers in his briefcase like he couldn't wait to get out of here. He might have had me on the ropes, but he knew I'd never go down. There was nothing in my pockets but a scrap of paper I didn't know was there before. It was a note scrawled in pencil. Some creep must have slipped it into my pocket on my way into this joint. LA MOTTA—KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHOUT. Who did they think they were talking to, some scared punk? It pissed me off. . . .

Mr. Dixon: Mr. La Motta . . . Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: Yes, sir?
Dixon: Since you talked to Mr. Bonomi and Mr. McShane, and since it was made public that you were coming down here to testify, has anyone contacted you directly or indirectly and suggested that you had better not give us any names?

I crushed the note in my fist.

La Motta: No.
Dixon: You are not afraid, if you give us these names, if you knew them, you might be threatened with bodily harm?
La Motta: No, I ain't afraid. I ain't afraid for myself, sir.
Dixon: Are you afraid for your family?
La Motta: No, I'm not afraid for—I am just not afraid of none of them bums.
Dixon: Are you afraid for your brother Joey? You must like your brother, like we all like our brothers.
La Motta: Uh?
Dixon: You are very fond of your brother?
La Motta: Yes.
Dixon: Are you afraid for Joey, if you give us these names?
La Motta: Well, there is no names to give, sir.
Dixon: No names to give. No one has told you, if you come down here and give us names, that something might happen to you or members of your family?
La Motta: No, sir.
Dixon: This is a pretty rough crowd, isn't it, Mr. La Motta?
La Motta: What is?
Dixon: These people engaged in this boxing business.

I looked hard at Joey and tore the note into small pieces. . . .

La Motta: I ain't afraid of none of them rats! ■

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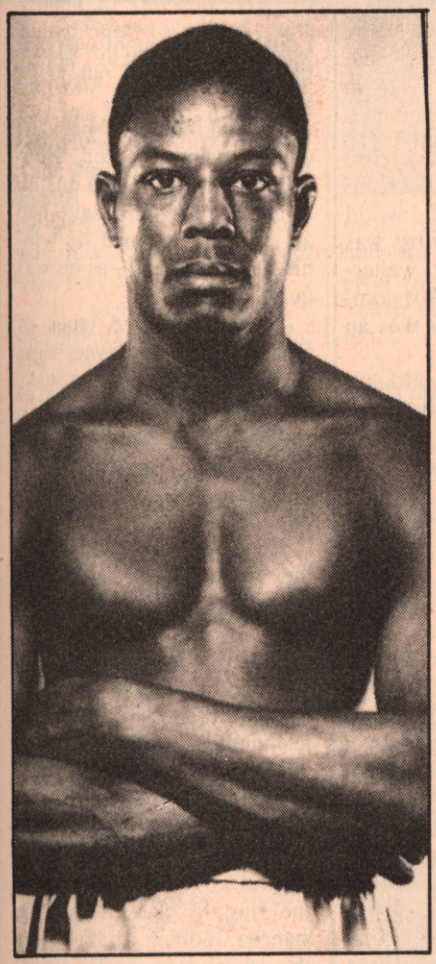
ASK THE ANSWERMAN



Virgil Akins briefly held the world welterweight title in 1958. He was known as "Honey Bear."

Q: Which was the last U.S. state to ban decisions in pro bouts?

SAMUEL GORMICK
Hamburg, Germany

A: *Iowa. The Hawkeye State did not permit official verdicts until 1937.*

Q: I'm a bit confussed about the scheduled 45-rounders of the 1906-15 period. Where were they held? How many states permitted them? Did any of these contests ever go the distance? Was anyone ever killed?

JAMES P. TIPTON
North Adams, Mass.

A: *No one was ever killed in a scheduled 45-round bout. No such contest ever went the distance. Contracts for these bouts usually read "45 rounds or longer," which meant the referee could decide if additional rounds were needed to determine a clear winner. Most of the 45-rounders were held in Nevada; the "last free state in the union," but at least two were held in California: Stanley Ketchel vs. Joe Thomas in Colma on September 2, 1907 and Frankie Conley vs. Monte Attell in Vernon on February 22, 1910. Forty-five round bouts passed into history with the creation of modern boxing commissions after World War I.*

Q: What was the first world heavyweight title fight—under Queensberry rules—in which the loser, although halted, was not counted out?

HECTOR GOMEZ
Jersey City, N.J.

A: *Jim Jeffries vs. Gus Ruhlin, November 15, 1901 at Mechanics Pavilion in San Francisco. Ruhlin's corner tossed in the sponge after the fifth round.*

Q: Who was known as "Honey Bear" back in the '50s?

FRITZ G. MILLER
Elgin, Ill.

A: *Former world welterweight champion Virgil Akins.*

Q: When and where did Bob Godwin win NBA recognition as world light heavyweight champion in the 1930s?

MELVIN KIDDER
Kingston, Ont.

A: *Godwin won the vacant National Boxing Association version of the world crown by outpointing "Florida's Hurricane," Joe Knight, over 10 rounds at the Dixie Arena in West Palm Beach, Fla. on March 1, 1933. The title had been stripped from George Nichols about three months earlier.*

Q: What is the record number of knockouts (including TKOs) scored by a professional boxer who never became world champ?

DONALD SINCLAIR
Long Beach, N.Y.

A: *The 126 scored by Wm. L. (Young) Stribling from 1921 through 1933.*

Q: *The Ring Record Book* says that Hughey Boyle won the world's bantamweight title by knocking out Tommy (Spider) Kelly in the eighth round at Oliver's Cottage in Harlem, New York City, on December 24, 1887, but decided to retire as undefeated champion and go back to his old trade, painting, the following year. Where was Boyle from? When did he die? Do you have any more information about him?

HENRY CAPSON
Great Falls, Mont.

A: *Info. on Hughie Boyle is extremely hard to come by. Can anybody out there be of help?*

Q: Were there any world junior bantamweight champions prior to 1980?

GEORGE F. ZELDER
Quincy, Ill.

A: *No, although the New York State Athletic Commission recognized the division in its official rules from 1920 to 1930.*

Q: When did Mike McTigue start boxing?

JAMES McQUINN
New York, N.Y.

A: *Some sources claim that McTique had his first pro fights in 1909, but research has failed to discover anything before 1914. McTique, who held the world light heavyweight title from 1923 to 1925, was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1892, according to The Ring Record Book.* (Mike himself claimed to have been born in 1884 in an interview given at the time of his retirement from boxing in 1930.)

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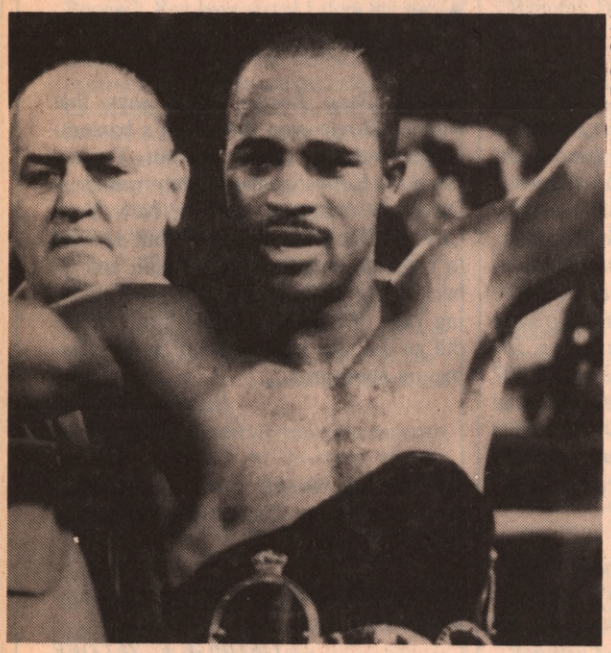
FIGHTER OF THE MONTH



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England's Lloyd Honeyhgan celebrates his upset victory over Donald Curry for the undisputed welterweight title in Atlantic City. The shocking TKO over "Lone Star Cobra" also earned Honeyghan THE RING's Fighter of the Month award.

Despite a number of outstanding performances this month, **Lloyd Honeyghan** captures Fighter of the Month honors for his brilliant defeat of Donald Curry. The unheralded Englishman stunned Curry and the boxing world, winning the undisputed welterweight title in devastating fashion. Honeyghan's triumph is considered by many to be the greatest achievment by a British boxer since Randy Turpin beat Sugar Ray Robinson in 1951.

Edwin Rosario earns this month's runner-up slot for his second round blitz of Livingstone Bramble for the WBA lightweight crown in Miami Beach. In practically any other month, Rosario's upset victory would have garnered top spot.

Honorable mentions go to South Africa's **Brian Mitchell** for his 10th round TKO over Alfredo Layne for the WBA junior lightweight belt and to WBA light heavyweight champion **Marvin Johnson** for his gutty title defense over Jean-Marie Emebe. □

HONEYGHAN-CURRY
World Welterweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—SIX weeks before his title defense against England's Lloyd Honeyghan, undisputed world champion Donald Curry was 20 pounds over the welterweight limit. After six completed rounds, Curry was an ex-champion.

With the boxing world still reeling from the shock of Edwin Rosario's stunning two-round blastout of Livingstone Bramble the night before, Honeyghan pulled the biggest upset in what has been a year of upsets.

The Lone Star Cobra was considered by many to be the best pound-for-pound fighter active today. Despite his high ranking, Honeyghan was considered just another British stiff who would fall apart—*a la* Frank Bruno—the first time he faced a top flight fighter. But before the first round was over, Curry, and everyone concerned, knew Honeyghan was the boss.

"When I took the first jab, I knew something was wrong," said Curry. "I just didn't have anything. It was gone."

Curry, making his eighth defense of the 147-pound crown, had been talking about moving up to junior middleweight for some time. Apparently, he waited too long.

"Of course, you're going to look back and wish you hadn't fought as a welterweight," lamented Curry. "But I still thought I could do it. It's too late for regrets now. I did what I thought was best for me. It turned out to be wrong."

Though much will be made of the weight factor, Honeyghan proved to be a quality fighter, and would have had an excellent chance of winning in any event—as he was quick to point out.

"I watched two tapes of Donald Curry and every time he fights, he fights one way, he comes straight at you," explained the Jamaican-born Englishman. "I knew what Donald Curry was going to do."

Honeyghan, who must have the same tailor as Hector Camacho, wore a purple sequin robe with matching trunks. He gave Donald the evil eye throughout the playing of the British and American national anthems, and, at the sound of the first bell, proceeded to destroy the myth of Curry's invincibility.

The opener was rather uneventful. Both moved around the ring in classic stand-up stances, looking for chinks in the other's armor. No really damaging blows were landing, but the challenger clearly had the better of the session, scoring with several rights and a couple of left uppercuts. Curry, 146½, looked a bit listless, but few expected the surprise to come.

Early in the second, Honeyghan, also 146½, connected with a sharp right to Curry's chin that staggered the champion and forced him to hold. Lloyd tried to shake him off, but Curry hung on until referee Octavio Meyran forced a break.

Curry's legs were still shaky as Honeyghan resumed the chase. Lloyd missed with a left-right, landed a left hook to the body, and Curry tied him up again. There was blood on Curry's lips and before the round was over, Honeyghan scored with several more rights and a number of jabs.

Though Jun-Sok Hwang floored Curry for a brief count in their 1983 battle for the vacant WBA title, this was the first time he'd been badly shaken. However, Curry's reputation has grown in leaps and bounds since he outpointed the Korean. For many observers, it was difficult to accept what they had seen.

"It seems impossible," said promoter Bob Arum, who had almost as much at stake as the champion. "I still can't believe it."

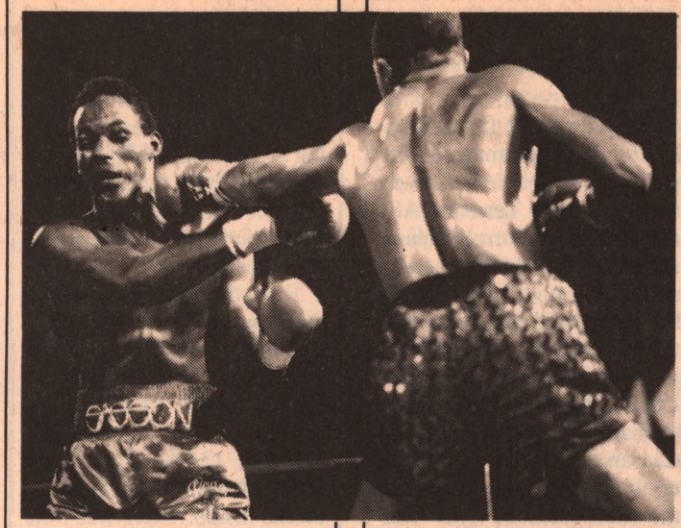
In the third, it looked like Curry might regain control. He caught Honeyghan with a solid right to the head that brought a cheer from the invitation-only crowd of high-rollers in the Circus Maximus theatre. Honeyghan's legs quivered briefly, but he escaped unscathed, engaging Curry in a spirited exchange before the bell.

"You knew you were in shape to take a shot like that. You were prepared for that," manager Mickey Duff told Honeyghan between rounds. "Now it's over."

How right Duff was.

The fourth was the slowest and most uneventful round of the fight. Both scored with jabs, but no significant blows were landed. Two judges gave the session to Curry, while the third agreed with *The Ring* and scored it even.

The fifth was another bad round for the rapidly fading champion. Honeyghan connected with crisp rights to the head and Curry was staggered again. Donald quickly got on his bicycle, but a pair of jabs soon had him hanging on. Honeyghan would not be denied. He stayed on Curry's butt and landed another powerful right that shook the Texan and had him spitting blood.

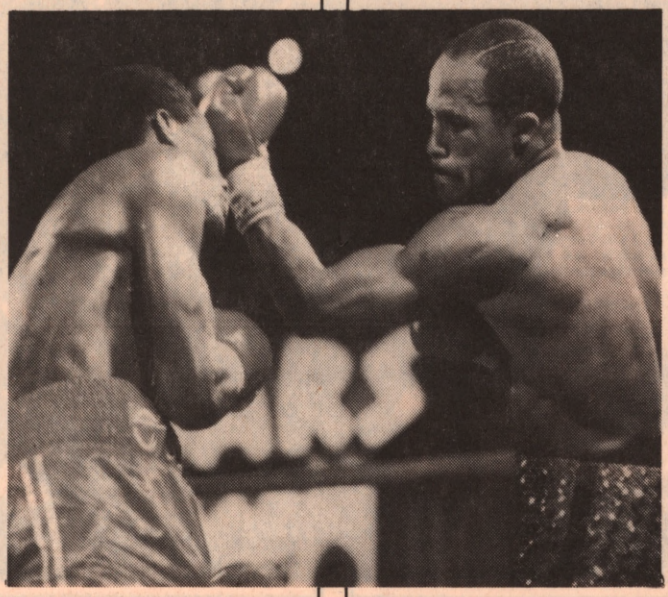


Honeyghan (right) pops Curry in the face with a left jab. The undefeated Englishman not only outpunched Curry, he outboxed him as well.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM HART

An accidental clash of heads opened a deep cut over Curry's left eye early in the sixth. The referee called time-out to inspect the wound, but permitted the fight to continue. Honeyghan landed two uppercuts on the inside and Curry retreated again, blood dripping down his face. Honeyghan was in top gear by this point and lashed out with a searing left-right combination to the face that sealed Curry's fate.

Honeyghan rips Curry (left) with a left uppercut en route to the undisputed welterweight championship. Curry suffered a gashed eye, a cut mouth, and a broken nose during his compromising defeat.



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At the bell, Curry returned to his corner on unsteady legs, shaking his head as if to say he'd had enough. Doctors Paul Williams and Frank Doggett of the New Jersey Athletic Commission agreed. After inspecting the injury, they decided the laceration was too severe to allow Curry to fight on.

Although referee Meyran ruled it was *not* a butt that opened the cut, a video replay of the sixth round clearly showed it was. It didn't matter. Under WBC rules, the boxer ahead on the official scorecards at the time of a fight-ending accidental butt is declared the winner. After six completed rounds, all three judges had Honeyghan well in front. Judges Charlie Spina (USA) and Larry O'Connell (England) had Honeyghan ahead, 58-56. Judge Jose Guerra (Mexico) also had Lloyd winning, 59-56.

Curry, who suffered his first loss after 25 straight wins as a pro (20 kayoes), was rushed to the Atlantic City Medical Center immediately after the conclusion of the bout to have his eye treated. X-rays also revealed that he'd suffered a broken nose. However, the next day, Curry sounded optimistic about his future.

"I've just got to get back in the thick of things and fight a couple of junior middleweights," said Curry. "Before this fight, I had been planning to move up at some point, anyway. I got hit more than I had in my whole career. I don't want to take anything away from him (Honeyghan), but if I had been 100 percent, I think I would have won the fight. I respect him, but I still think I'm the better fighter."

Honeyghan, on the other hand, feels that he has already proved who the better fighter is.

"I said I was better than Donald Curry and I deliberately came to America to prove it," proclaimed the new undisputed champion after raising his pro record to 28-0 with 16 kayoes. "I wanted to show the American people I'm the true champ. When I was 12 years old, I saw (Muhammad) Ali on TV and I said to my Dad, 'I want to be just like that man. I want

to be champion.' Donald Curry is a great fighter, but all the praises they've been giving Donald Curry, they can give to me now.''

It was left to Duff to provide the historical footnote to what had been a stunning evening of boxing.

''The last welterweight champion we (the Brits) had was John H. Stracey, and he was also the undisputed champ,'' reminded Mickey.

Stracey only managed to hang onto the belt for one successful defense. The guess here is that Honeyghan will last much longer.

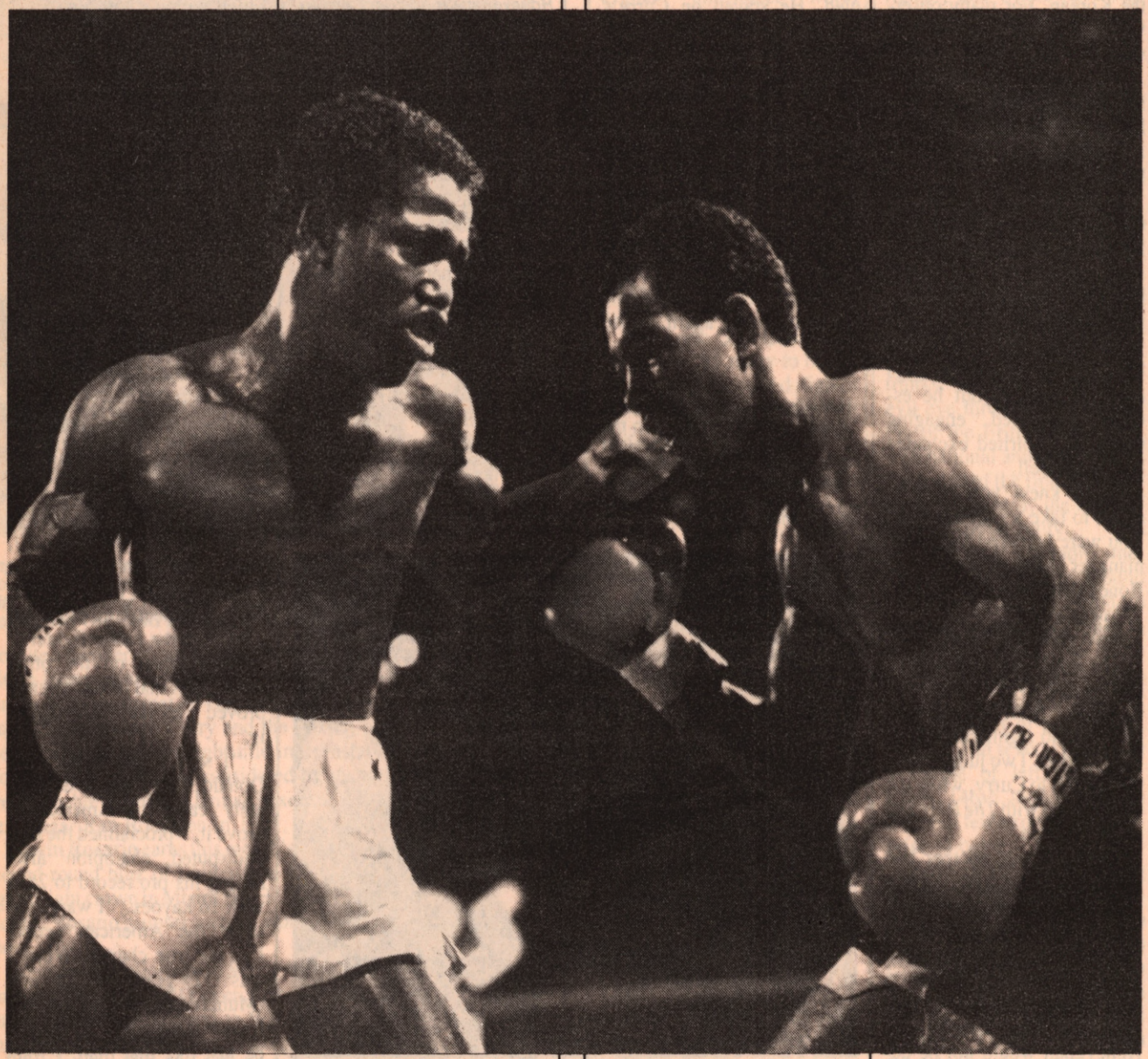
ALLI-SANTANA

Vacant USBA Lightweight Title

ONE DAY AFTER THE SOMEwhat disappointing lightweight title double-header in Miami Beach, Terrence Alli and Miguel (El Zorro) Santana showed the world that there is still plenty of ''fight'' left in the 135-pound division when they hooked up in a crackerjack 12-rounder for the vacant USBA title on the Honeyghan-Curry undercard at Caesars. Both men gave it everything they had, but when the dust settled, Alli was awarded a unanimous decision by scores of 117-110 and 116-112 (twice).

The previously undefeated Santana entered the ring wearing a black mask, cap and hat. The only thing missing was a sword. Alli didn't have a fancy outfit, but he certainly came to fight.

From the opening bell, both men tore into each other like a couple of tomcats on a backyard fence. Over the first two rounds, Alli, 135, relied mainly on his right, while Santana, 134¾, scored with left hooks and short uppercuts on the inside. There was little



Terrence Alli (left) and Miguel "El Zorro" Santana let it all hang out in a 12-round thriller for the vacant USBA lightweight title on the Honeyghan-Curry bill. Alli survived some rocky moments to win a unanimous decision.

PHOTO BY WILLIAM HART

to choose between the two, but in the third, Alli discovered his left jab and began to pull away.

Santana rallied in the eighth and ninth, jolting Alli's head back with uppercuts. When "El Zorro" continued his comeback during the opening minutes of the 10th, it looked like Alli had shot his bolt. Then, as Santana moved in, Alli caught him with a hard right to the head. The punch stunned Miguel and Alli sprang to the attack.

Right after right crahsed into Santana's head as Alli tried for the finisher. Though shouts of "stop it" were heard ringside, referee Steve Smoger gave Santana the benefit of the doubt and the brave Puerto Rican somehow managed to survive until the bell.

The 11th was relatively tame as both warriors gathered themselves for a grandstand finish.

Santana opened the final round with a flurry of head shots. Then Alli took his turn, wobbling Miguel with a combination. With about 30 seconds to go, the normally complacent casino crowd rose to its feet and gave the fighters a well-earned standing ovation.

The win puts Alli, who failed in an attempt to lift the IBF crown from Harry Arroyo in 1985, right back in the middle of the hectic lightweight picture. His record now stands at 29-4-2 with 11 kayoes. Santana is 18-1 with 11 kayoes. With more seasoning, he could still be a factor to reckon with.

Tony (Dr. Detroit) Montgomery, 155, Philadelphia, TKO'd Joe Summers. 155, Atlantic City, in just 50 seconds of the third round in a scheduled eight in a battle of unbeaten prospects. Montgomery raised his record to 17-0, 10 kayoes, while Summers slipped to 7-1, four kayoes. Tony Perez, referee.

Steve Darnell, 164, Detroit, TKO'd Ali Bey, Wilmington, Delaware, in the first round of a scheduled six. Darnell improved his record to 19-0-1, 11 kayoes. Bey fell to 4-6, three kayoes. A mismatch from conception.

Preliminary and USBA title fight judges—Lynn Carter, Rocky Castellani, Charlie Spina.

WBC Supervisor—Jean-Guy Prescott (Canada)

WBA Supervisor—Oscar Terran (Peru)

IBF Supervisor—Bob Lee (New Jersey)

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NIGEL COLLINS

TUCKER-BROAD
Vacant USBA Heavyweight Title

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—WILL Michael Spinks honor the IBF directive for a mandatory defense? If he doesn't, are you ready for Tony (TNT) Tucker as the new champion?

Tucker, 216, Detroit, Mich., earned the right to challenge Spinks by winning a unanimous decision over James Broad, 242¼, Wildwood, N.J., in a 12-round elimination bout. Also at stake was the vacant USBA heavyweight title. The show, while hosted by the Trump Casino-Hotel, was actually held in a Convention Hall side room, Trump being the only casino-hotel with direct indoor access to the hall.

As for action, this one rated somewhat higher (six out of 10) than your usual beached whale heavyweight affair. Even though Broad was a day late and a dollar short in his attack—thanks still going to excess baggage—he nonetheless dogged his adversary throughout, pushing to near exhaustion after 36 minutes of hauling his big self around.

Tucker did not present an easy target. He won the battle of the jabs right from the start, and his slim, well prepared legs enabled him to use the ring wisely. When Broad tried to rough him up inside, those same legs proved strong underpinnings in absorbing James' leaning tactics.

Tony, while his 33-0, 29 kayoes, log going in looked statistically impressive, is surely no TNT puncher against big league opposition. What advantage he does have is a quick set of hands, and you could clearly see the difference it made on this night.

While still fresh, Tucker stamped his signature on this match by stunning Broad in round two, mostly with the left hook. Since Broad was still running on full, he managed to hang on—and hang tough. With his jab taken out of circulation, Broad had to employ a chase-and-grab tactic to try for a mauling wear-him-down victory. Tony had the answer, landing crisp combinations all night.

While a weary Tucker admitted afterward that he really didn't relish going to war on the inside, he thought he did well there. "My hands are sore, my (right) shoulder is sore," said Tucker. "This was a tough fight. We both went at it. I wanted to stay on the outside, because I'm faster than him. He forced me to fight inside more than I wanted. It worked out for me in the end."

As for Broad, he did not protest the verdict. "I did a lot to get ready for this," said James. "I guess I've got to do a little more. I had the fight where I wanted it, inside. I don't know why, I just couldn't get my punches off."

As for the scoring, it was clear cut for Tucker. He took the early lead and never looked back. Frank Cairo had it 117-109, Frank Brunette saw it 118-111, and the card of Eugene Grant read 117-110, same as that of *The Ring*. Tucker got a 10-8 round in the second from both Grant and Cairo (also *The Ring*), while Cairo also saw fit to make round nine 10-8 for Tucker. Randy Neumann refereed.

Highly rated light heavyweight Eddie Davis, 176¼, Freeport, N.Y., had to survive a first round cut over his right eye to slowly wear down Tim Bullock, 176½, Detroit, Mich., and stop him at 0:59 of round nine in a scheduled 10.

The pitty-pat punching of Bullock, plus his youthful legs, had him opening up a rather substantial lead, but Davis plugged away until he got his man. Bullock was dropped by a battery of punches in a neutral corner. He was able to beat the count of referee Frank Cappuccino, but within seconds was trapped on the ropes in a hopeless position as it was waved over.

After eight, Bullock led on two cards, 5-3 and 5-2-1. The third judge had it 4-4.

Southpaw Schlomo Niazov, 137¾, Brooklyn, N.Y. TKO'd Craig Snyder, 134½, Youngstown, Ohio, at 1:43 of round two in a scheduled four. Craig was down once each round. Randy Neumann, referee.

Skinny Steve Frank, 135½, Brooklyn, took a four-round unanimous decision over David Colon, 133¾, Patchogue, N.Y. Scores: 3-1, 3-1, and 4-0 from Frank Cairo. Randy Newmann, referee.

Anthony Laquatra, 116, Pittsburgh, Pa., took a four-round unanimous decision over southpaw Teka Singh, 113, Schenectady, N.Y. Laquatra suffered a cut right eye in the last round. Scores: two at 4-0; Brunette had it 2-1-1. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Promoters—HBA/Bud Sports.
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.

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JACK OBERMAYER

JOHNSON-EMEBE
WBA Light Heavyweight Title

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—IT took three-time light heavyweight champion Marvin Johnson almost eight years to make the first successful defense of his title, but he finally did it, stopping challenger Jean-Marie Emebe with a 13th round TKO at the Market Square Arena.

In two previous reigns as 175-pound ruler (first as WBC champ, then as WBA boss), Marvin lost his crown in his first defense. When he won the WBA portion again this year with a seventh round TKO over Leslie Stewart, it gave "Old Pops" another chance at breaking the jinx. This time he made it. Maybe practice does make perfect. But it wasn't easy.

Emebe, 174, Cameroon, was no sacrificial lamb. He came to win the title, and it took all of Johnson's durability to hang on to the belt. Emebe stood up remarkably well under Johnson's all-out attack and landed plenty of leather himself.

"Yes, he hurt me," the 32-year-old Johnson admitted. "I'm not like a lot of fighters who say the other guy never touched 'em or never had 'em in trouble. He hurt me, and on more than one occasion."

However, after 12 rounds of practically non-stop action, it was the challenger who looked in dire need of a plastic surgeon. Emebe suffered cuts over both eyes and his right was swollen shut. Jean-Marie was allowed to come out for the 13th, but after Johnson pumped another volley of punches into his battered face,

referee Luis Rivera intervened 1:41 into the round.

Despite the sorry state of his fighter, manager Dennis Rappaport was unhappy when Emebe was ruled unfit to continue.

"No way should it have been stopped," said Rappaport, insisting both cuts were superficial and the result of head butts. "I don't want to take anything away from Marvin Johnson. You saw two courageous fighters out there tonight. I just wish a punch had ended the fight."

C'mon, give me some credit," countered Johnson. "I know I was connecting with an awful lot of left hooks and right hands. That's why he was cut. That's why I'm still champion."

With the action so fast and furious, either explanation of Emebe's demise is plausible. One thing that can't be debated is the fact that it was a stirring battle that kept most of the crowd of around 4,000 on its feet throughout. Johnson just kept coming and Emebe, who came in sporting a 24-2, 20 kayoes, record, met him with both hands blazing.

As always, southpaw Johnson, 174½, worked his left hand overtime, repeatedly catching Emebe flush. Emebe's best punch was his powerful right, which threatened to scramble Marvin's bid to retain his title on several occasions. When all was said and done, it was Johnson's great fighting heart that allowed him to prevail.

At the end of 12 rounds, Johnson was leading on all three scorecards. Humberto Figuero (Panama) had it 117-114, Roberto Ramirez (Puerto Rico) 115-113, and Charles Williams (Canada) 117-115. *The Ring* also had Marvin ahead, 116-113.

After the rigors of 48 pro fights (43-5, 35 kayoes), many of them wars, time is running out for Johnson. He's seeking a big payday and

PHOTO BY JOHN WARNER

Marvin Johnson (left) has challenger Jean-Marie Emebe on the ropes during their Indianapolis slugfest for the WBA light heavyweight title. Johnson retained the belt with a 13th round TKO.

would like to earn it against Thomas Hearns now that the "Hit Man" is making noise about moving up to the light heavyweight division. It could be quite a rumble.

In the main support, "Prince" Charles Williams, 172, Grand Rapids, Mich., won the vacant USBA light heavyweight title with a 12-round majority decision over James Salerno, 175, Tampa, Fla. Williams, now 20-4-2, 12 kayoes, dropped Salerno with a right uppercut in the second, but had to hang on down the stretch when Salerno mounted a strong finish. Williams garnered the votes of two judges, 116-114 and 114-113. while the third judge called it even, 114-114. *The Ring* felt Salerno's more accurate punching over the second half of the bout earned him a 115-113 edge. The loss lowered Salerno's log for 34-8 with 22 kayoes. The referee was Randy Neumann.

Butch Royer, 217, French Lick, Ind., kayoed David Curry, 178, Memphis, Tenn., in the first round of a scheduled six.

Mark Brannon, 134, Indianapolis, decisioned Sebastian Wilburn, 136, Benton Harbor, Mich., six.

Terry Ray, 166½, Terre Haute, Ind., knocked out Rocky McCullum, 168¾, Greenville, Miss., in the first round of a scheduled four.

Mike Pollitt, 153½, New Lisbon, Ind., decisioned Ira Hathway, 158, Indianapolis, four.

Promoters—F&F Berns, Inc., Peltz Boxing, Tiffany.
(09-20-86)

CHANG-MONTIEL
WBC Light Flyweight Title

TAEJON, KOREA—JUNG-Koo Chang, the "Korean Hawk," successfully defended his WBC light flyweight title for the 10th time with a lopsided unanimous decision over Mexican challenger Francisco Montiel, 12, at Chungmu Gymnasium.

Chang, 107½, was both too ringwise and ferocious for Montiel, 107¾, the former Mexican national champ now managed by Japanese impresario Takashi Chiba.

The official scoring was as follows: Larry Nadayag (Philippines), 119-110; Kazumasa Kuwata (Japan), 118-111; Chuck Hassett (U.S.), 116-113. *The Ring* agreed with Nadayag.

There were no knockdowns, but the challenger absorbed a lot of punishment. Montiel won the first round with a hard right cross that almost toppled Chang. The champ, however, countered with a hard right, and had regained his poise by the end of the frame.

Chang took the second round by pinning Montiel in a neutral corner with a barrage of punches. Montiel landed a good left hook, but Chang retaliated with stronger blows.

The Korean Hawk turned southpaw in the third round, leading with right hooks and boring in. They traded punches toe-to-toe until Chang nailed his man to the ropes again.

The fourth round saw Chang take command with solid blows to the face and body. From round five on, Montiel fought on the retreat, with the champ landing an occasional hard right. Montiel tried to counter with hooks in the sixth and seventh stanzas, but Chang came back with combos that proved more effective.

Montiel rushed to Chang's corner as the bell rang for the ninth round, but Chang fought him into the ropes with a flurry of punches. The champion's left hook had Montiel's right eye puffy, and it looked like a big red and black egg at the end.

"Chang has not slowed down, as you saw in this fight," said the champ's manager, Ho-Yun Chin. "He's still only 23, and after he breaks the record for defenses in the 108-pound class, I'll move him up to flyweight." This repeat win over Montiel was Chang's 10th title defense.

Chang, whose purse was $120,000, is now 31-1 with 12 kayoes. Montiel, who got $10,000, is 22-5 with 15 knockouts. Richard Steele of Las Vegas refereed.

Ho-Yun Chun's World Promotions. KBS-TV. Attendance—7,000 (estimated). WBA witness—Tony Martinez (Hong Kong).
(09-13-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

MICHAEL-DAHO
IBF Junior Lightweight Title

MANCHESTER, ENG.—Barry Michael of Australia retained his IBF junior lightweight title by outpointing British champion Najib Daho, Manchester, at Granada's Stage One. The bout was cut from the usual IBF 15 rounds duration to 12 rounds, as recognised in title fights in Britain. Also, it took place in a converted TV studio, with only a few hundred spectators, but was shown live on television (ITV).

The three American judges scored it 118-110, 116-110, and 116-112—all in favor of Michael. Referee Rudi Battle of America did not score.

It was an exciting contest, with Daho doing his very best to wrest the crown from Michael; but the latter knew too much for him. The British champion was strong enough and willing enough, but Michael had the greater skills and power of punch.

Daho started in determined fashion, taking the fight to his man and throwing punches from both hands. The fans roared him on, but Michael stayed cool, took all Daho had to offer, and contented himself by parrying or blocking quite a number of his opponent's punches.

It was a different story in round two. Michael jabbed and hooked effectively, with Daho doing his best to counter; but the latter's nose was already bleeding.

The pattern of the fight was now established, with Michael in control, his body punches being especially effective, and Daho occasionally scoring with rights to the head—but always in there trying and never making it easy for Michael.

In round five, Michael was warned for a low punch, and the referee allowed Daho a little time to recover.

The longer the fight went, the more Michael established his superiority. His persistent body attack was paying off, Daho's nose was still bleeding, yet he continued to try and swing the fight his way with a series of right hands, some of which landed; but they seemingly had no effect.

By round eight, Daho looked weary, and in the following round only sheer grit and determination helped him to stay upright as more punches to the body came in from Michael.

The same thing happened in round 11, when Daho nearly went down from a body attack. He kept going in commendable fashion, and his fans cheered every time he landed a punch.

There was a minor shock in the final round, when Michael was cut over the right eye. This gave Daho a fresh lease on life, and he threw himself into the attack. But it was too late, and he was too weary. Towards the end of the round, Michael took over again, and a right had Daho shakey. He saw it through to the final bell, and let down no one. Michael just had too much on the ball for him.

Langton Tinago, 135, Zimbabwe, won back the Commonwealth lightweight title by stopping Graeme Brooke, 134, Australia. Referee Mickey Vann intervened at 0:41 of round five after Brooke had been floored by a right to the head.

The title became vacant when Barry Michael relinquished it to concentrate on the IBF crown.

A fine win for Tinago, who celebrated his 37th birthday the following month. In addition, it reversed a previous defeat. Three years earlier, Brooke outpointed him.

The early stages were quiet, hardly an effective punch being thrown. The first to land was virtually the last, when, in round five, Tinago whipped over a right to the head that floored his man.

Brooke was up at seven and was allowed to continue. Then, as Tinago landed more punches without reply, the closure was applied. Tinago did a victory dance in sheer delight, and after winning a title at the age of 37 who could blame him?

Eddie Smith, 165¼, Manchester, stopped Winston Burnett, 166, Cardiff, referee Harry Warner intervening in round two of a scheduled eight after Burnett had been down twice.

Mohammed Lovelock, 137, Manchester, stopped Kenny Walsh, 135, Bradford, referee Warner calling a halt at 1:34 of round four in a scheduled six twos after Walsh had been decked.

John Best, 141, Manchester, kayoed Nicky Lucas, 142, Swindon, who went down from a right to the head just as the bell ended the opening round. The count proceeded, and although Lucas seemed fully conscious of what was going on, he didn't rise until after the count had been completed.

Nigel Senior, 132, Nottingham, drew with Tony Graham, also 132, Paddington, over six twos. Harry Warner, referee. Senior was a sub.
(08-23-86)

RON OLVER

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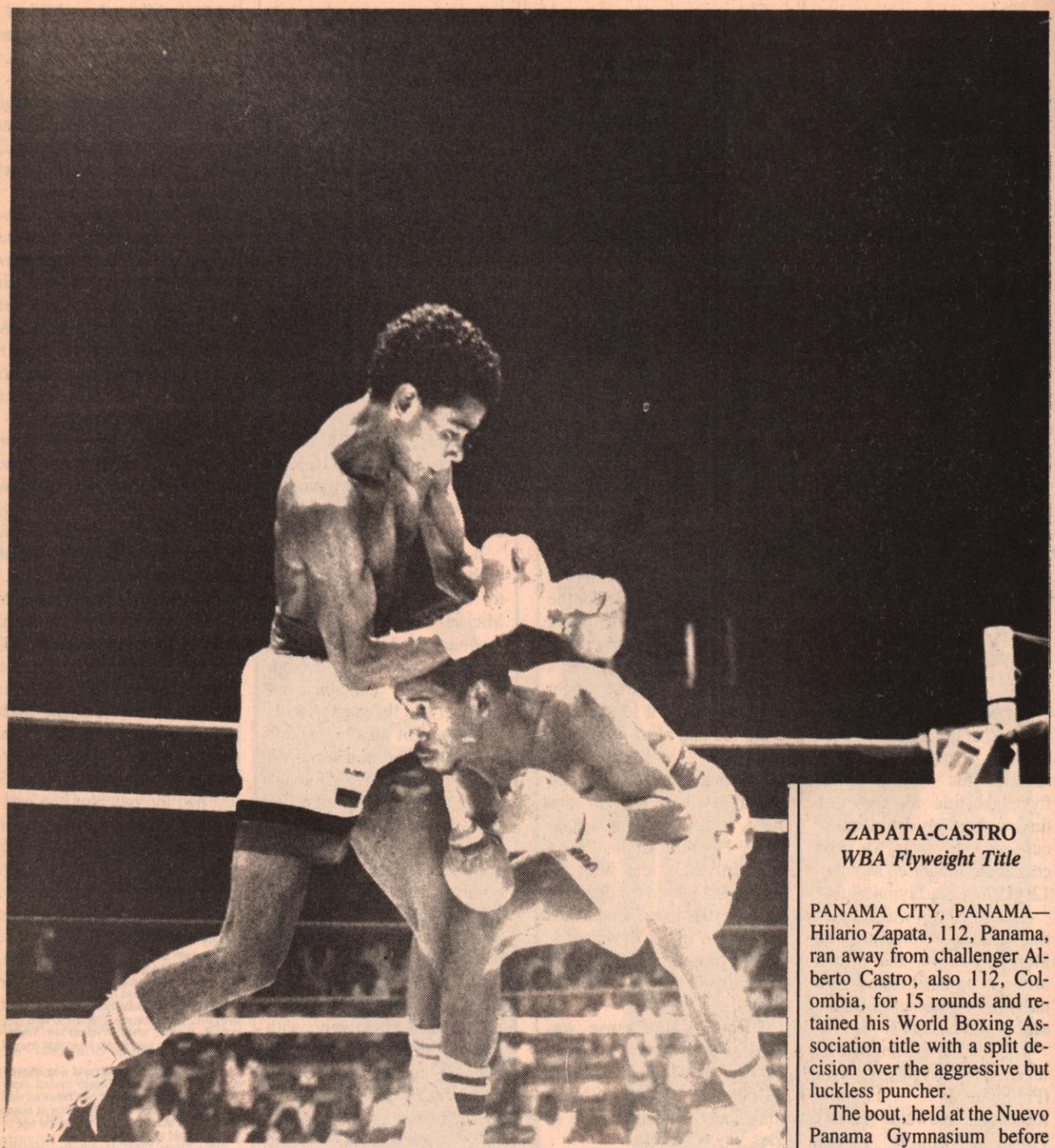


WBA flyweight champion Hilario Zapata ducks low under the punches of Alberto Castro during their title match in Panama. Zapata hung onto the crown via a 15-round split decision.

ZAPATA-CASTRO
WBA Flyweight Title

PANAMA CITY, PANAMA—Hilario Zapata, 112, Panama, ran away from challenger Alberto Castro, also 112, Colombia, for 15 rounds and retained his World Boxing Association title with a split decision over the aggressive but luckless puncher.

The bout, held at the Nuevo Panama Gymnasium before approximately 8,000 fans who paid from six to 50 dollars, followed the same pattern from beginning to end—Zapata eluding Castro's charges and the challenger trying to land the punch that would give him the crown. Zapata jabbed his way away from Castro and backpedalled to victory.

Judge Luis Sulbaran (Ven-

ezuela) scored it 147-145, Zapata; judge Albert Welensky (U.S.) carded 144-142, Zapata; and judge Edward Levine (U.S.), had it 144-143, Castro. *The Ring* scored it 145-143, Castro—7-5-3 in rounds.

There were no knockdowns, but Zapata almost went down in the 12th and 15th sessions. The champ suffered a slight cut near the left optic in the second, but his corner did a good job, and it never affected his performance.

It was a clean fight, and Venezuelan referee Enzo Montero had an easy job. The bout was Zapata's 20th championship match in 16 years of professional boxing.

World ranked featherweight Jose Marmolejo knocked out Jose Meneses in 1:20 of the third round in a scheduled 10. This avenged a previous loss.

Edgar Monserrat, the WBA's ninth ranked junior bantam, boxed his way to a unanimous decision over newcomer Ernesto Ford (9-1), 10.

Azael Moran floored Valerio Zea five times—twice in the first round, once in the second, and twice in the third—before referee Encarnacion Guerrero called things off at 2:00 of round three. Zea also suffered a gash over his right optic in the first round. This was also scheduled for 10.

Featherweights Tomas Arguello and Edwin Murillo drew in the four-round opening bout.
(09-13-86)

JOAQUIN MARTINEZ-ROUSSET

ANDRIES-SIBSON
WBC Light Heavyweight

LONDON, ENG.—DENNIS Andries, 174½, Guyana-born but a London resident, kept his WBC light heavyweight title by stopping Commonwealth middleweight champion Tony Sibson, Leicester, 172, referee Sid Nathan stopping the action at 2:04 of round nine in a scheduled 12-rounder at the Alexandra Pavilion after Sibson had been down four times.

Andries also retained his British light heavyweight title in this bout. He did his job well, and there is nothing left to prove—a performance which must now bring him the recognition he so rightly deserves.

Andries simply oozed confidence right from the opening bell. He jabbed effectively, and there seemed more zip in his punches than in those of Sibson, who also scored with jabs, but of a lighter variety.

In round three, Sibson scored with a left hook to the chin, a punch that had disposed of some opponents in the past. But it had no effect on Andries, and this must have come as a bit of a shock to Tony. The difference was there for all to see. He was a middleweight opposed to a light heavyweight, and although he had come in at 172, the extra poundage was proving no help.

Sibson was in trouble early in round four, when Andries landed a left hook that shook him, and when the champion followed up quickly with punches from both hands, a cut appeared over Tony's right eye. After that, things became more difficult for him, and he had an uncomfortable round five.

Then Andries, by accident or design, eased up and took the pressure off Sibson, who must have been very relieved. This enabled Tony to get back into the fight, and he showed up well in the next two rounds—jabbing well, throwing more punches, and generally giving the impression that he had gained in confidence.

The situation changed again in round eight, when Andries, having had his "breather," came into the attack again in no uncertain fashion. There was little Sibson could do about it. He sustained another cut over the left eye, and bled from the mouth.

Sibson was down four times in round nine, the first time from a left right hand, then twice seemingly without being hit. It was now just a matter of time, and the fourth knockdown was from a hard right to the head. Tony got up, but referee Nathan intervened.

George Collins, 148½, Camberley, kept his unbeaten record by outpointing American Mark Brawood, 148½, not losing a round on referee Nathan's scorecard of 80-77 after eight. At 18 years of age, Collins looks a fine prospect.

Andy Straughn, 191, Hitchin, outpointed Pat Strachan, 179, Bahamas, referee Nathan scoring it 59½-57½ after six.

Tommy Roberts, 145, Yateley, drew with Tony Richards, 136, over six twos. Richie Davies, referee.

In a battle of debutants, Gary Pemberton, 1545, Cardiff, stopped John Nanton, also 154, Walworth, referee Davies calling a halt at 1:42 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Nanton under pressure.

Ronnie Carroll, 121, Glasgow, stopped Gary McGuiness, 122, Paddington, another deb, referee Davies intervening at 1:06 of round four in a scheduled six twos.

Keith Ferdinand, 217, Bedworth, yet another first-timer, kayoed American Adolfo Morrell, 233, with a right hand, referee Nathan completing the count at 2:03 of the opening round.
(09-10-86)

RON OLIVER

RIVERA-CHUNG
IBF Featherweight Title

OSAN, KOREA—PUERTO Rico's Antonio Rivera, 126, won the Int. Boxing Federation featherweight crown by stopping Ki-Yong Chung, 125¾, at 1:36 of the 10th round in a scheduled 15 at Hwasong Citizens Hall.

Chung, 27, the defending champion, was a heavy favorite, having turned back the challenges of Tyrone Jackson and Richard Savage. He forced the action in the first four rounds against Rivera, building up an early lead. Referee Bruce McTabeech of the Philippines penalized both boxers in the sixth round—Chung for holding and Rivera for pushing.

The challenger, who had been fighting on the retreat, came on in the seventh round with stinging lefts and smashing rights. Rivera won that session and the next two frames, as Chung was fading fast.

Rivera, who had a height advantage, opened up the 10th with sharp left jabs and followed up with combos. Chung was being battered when his corner threw the towel.

Rivera is now 16-3-3 with 15 kayoes. Chung is 31-5-2 with 10 knockouts.

Soon-Jun Kang, 111¼, retained his Korean flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Suk-Bong Kim, 112, 10. Kang is now 23-7-1 with seven knockouts. Kim is 14-6 with two kayoes.

IBF title judges—Jae-Keun Kim (Korea), Luis Reyes (U.S.), Cus Melotario (Australia).

Ho-Yun Chun's World Promotions. KBS-TV.
(08-30-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

SHIN-CHUNG
IBF Flyweight Title

INCHON, KOREA—SOUTHpaw Hi-Sup Shin, 112, won the International Boxing Federation version of the world flyweight title by giving defending champion Bi-Won Chung, also 112, a solid pasting at Inchon Gymnasium. Shin won on a technical knockout when referee John Willer of Australia stopped the bout at 1:20 of the 15th and final round.

Shin, the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation titlist, showed himself the better all-around fighter by a comfortable margin. His only losses in 37 previous bouts came at the hands of current WBC light flyweight king Jung-Koo Chang (twice) and Santos Laciar, who knocked him out in the first round in a WBA flyweight title bout on July 17, 1983.

Shin took control of Chung in the third round, scoring well with left uppercuts to the midsection. Chung kept circling to his left to stay away from Shin's left hand, but the faster, more experienced challenger was able to score with numerous sharp combinations.

The pace slowed after the 10th session, but Shin has things well in hand. He pounded Chung from pillar to post in the last session, and referee Willer wisely called a halt.

Shin is now 35-2-1 with 20 kayoes. Chung is 19-5-2 with four knockouts.

Judges—Dae-In Chung, Kwang-Soo Kim, Hwan-Joo Yuh.

Ho-Yun Chun's World Promotions. KBS-TV.

IBF witness—Bill Brennan.
(08-02-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

MIAMI MADNESS

Camacho Plays Second Fiddle As Rosario Upsets Bramble

by Nigel Collins

EDWIN ROSARIO'S RIGHT HAND CUT through Miami Beach's humid evening air like a heat-seeking missile. The target was WBA lightweight champion Livingstone Bramble's chin, and the ensuing impact not only signaled the beginning of the end for Bramble, it sent a message reveberating throughout the 135-pound division. That message was clear and precise—Rosario no longer has to take a backseat to any lightweight in the world, including Hector (Macho) Camacho.

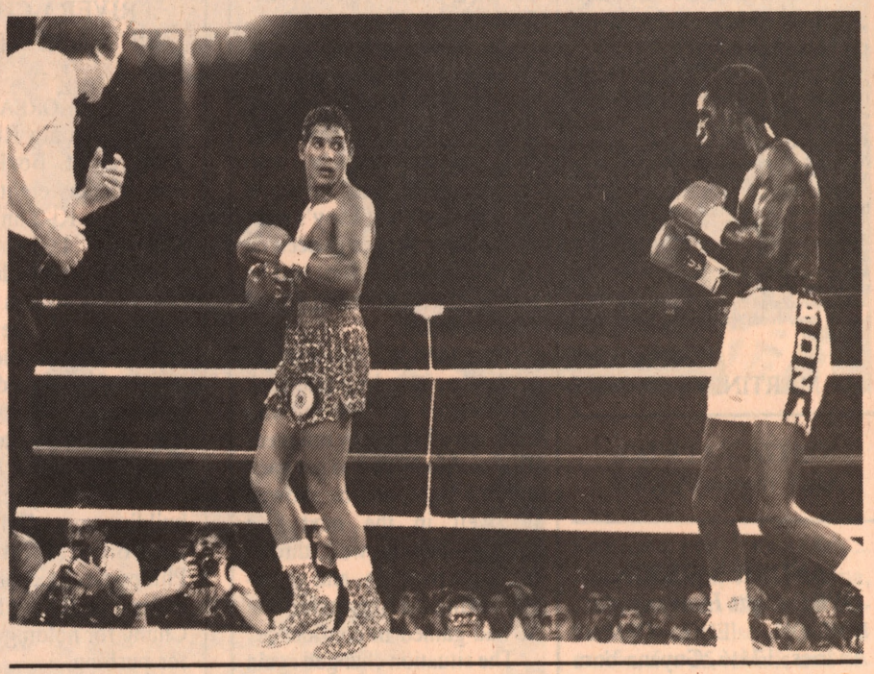
Until his shocking downfall against Rosario, Bramble had been considered by many observers to be the toughest, and perhaps best, fighter in a division brimming with talent. Though Rosario was highly respected as a vicious punchers and excellent all-round technician, he was a decided underdog going into the match. Bramble was miffed because his bout with Edwin had been given second billing to the Camacho-Cornelius Boza-Edwards fight, but by the second round, he probably wished it had been a walk-out bout.

The opening round gave few clues to what would soon unfold before the HBO cameras and the crowd of around 5,000 fans at the outdoors Abel Holtz Stadium. Rosario, 135, caught Bramble, also 135, coming in with a nice combination, but the champion took it well and landed several stiff jabs of his own.

Things proceeded rather uneventfully for the first half of the second until Rosario penetrated Bramble's defense with a potent left-right. Livingstone was visibly hurt and Rosario poured on the punches. The former WBC champion knew he had his man and wasn't about to let him off the hook.

"After the Camacho fight, everyone came to me and said I had him in trouble and wanted to know why I didn't put him away when I had the chance," said Rosario. "I looked at the films and I saw they were right. Whenever I got a boxer in trouble, I didn't follow up. Tonight I

"EL Chapo" and his entourage look confident prior to the beginning of Rosario's stunning victory over Bramble.



This is macho? At times, Camacho practically turned and ran away from Boza-Edwards. But despite the boos of the fans, Hector continued his negative ways throughout most of the fight.

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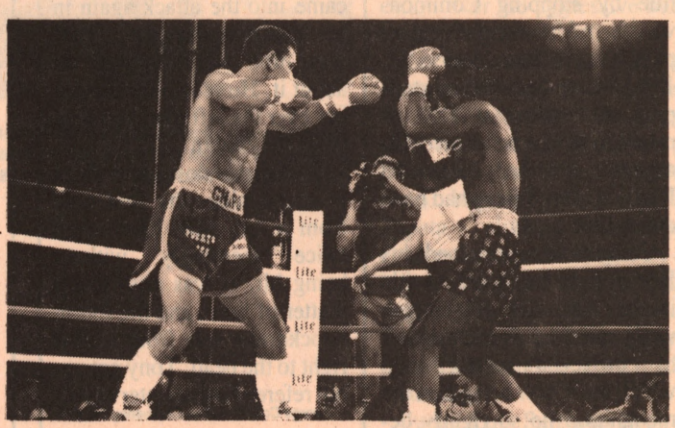
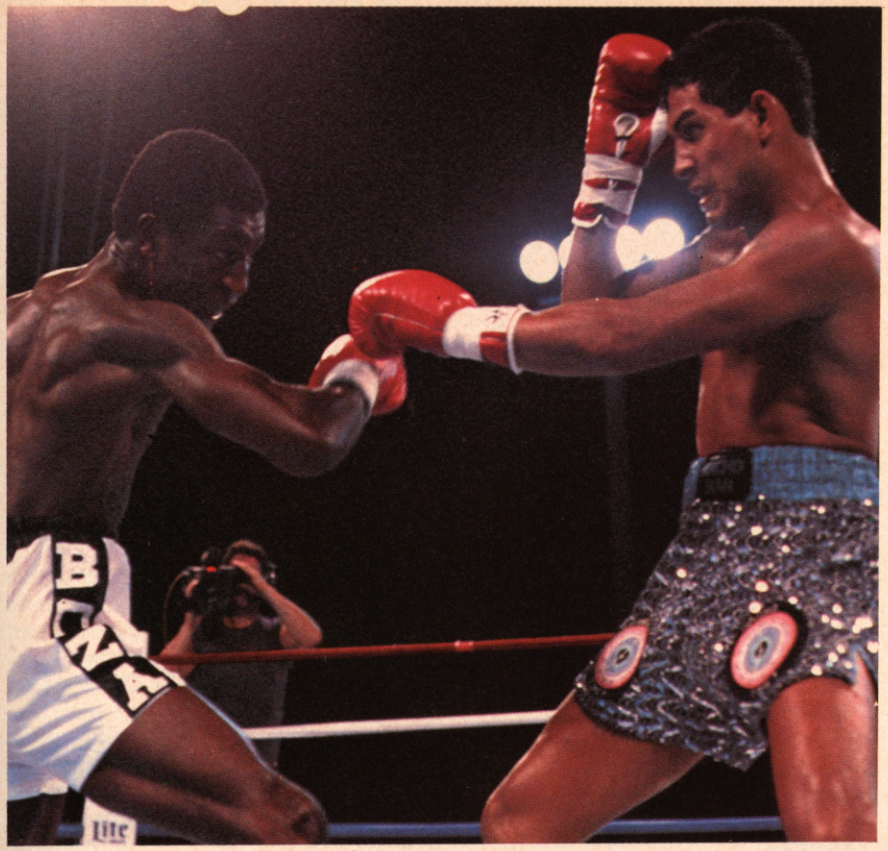
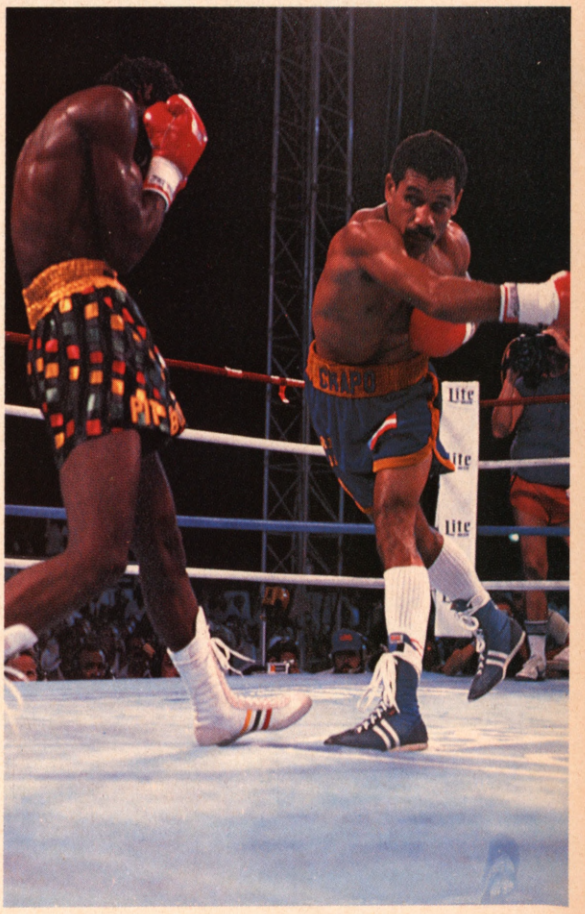


Rosario attacks as Bramble covers up. Once Edwin began to connect, Livingstone went into a defensive shell and stayed there until he was counted out.



The pride of Spanish Harlem opened with a bang, buckling Boza-Edwards' legs with a straight left and then putting the transplanted Ugandan down with a right.



Bramble made absolutely no effort to fight back. He tried to hide behind his gloves, but Rosario was on him like a vulture on carrion.

The RING

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(No Weight Limit)
WORLD CHAMPION

MICHAEL SPINKS* ..... St. Louis, Mo.
1. **Trevor Berbick**** ..... Canada
2. **Tim Witherspoon*** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
3. **Larry Holmes** ..... Easton, Pa.
4. **Pinklon Thomas** ..... Pontiac, Mich.
5. **Tony Tubbs** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
6. **James Smith** ..... Magnolia, N.C.
7. **Mike Tyson** ..... Catskill, N.Y.
8. **James (Buster) Douglas** ..... Columbus, Ohio
9. **Tony Tucker** ..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
10. **Frank Bruno** ..... England

11. Tyrell Biggs 12. James Broad 13. Razor Ruddock 14. Mike Weaver 15. Carl Williams 16. David Bey 17. Gerry Cooney 18. Larry Alexander 19. Mitchell Green 20. Renaldo Snipes.

CRUISERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 195 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS (SUGAR) DeLEON** ..... Puerto Rico
1. **Evander Holyfield*** ..... Atlanta, Ga.
2. **Lee Roy Murphy***** ..... Chicago, Ill.
3. **Dwight Muhammad Qawi** ..... Camden, N.J.
4. **Bernard Benton** ..... Detroit, Mich.
5. **Alfonzo Ratliff** ..... Chicago, Ill.
6. **Eddie Mustafa Muhammad** ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
7. **John Odhiambo** ..... Uganda
8. **Bert Cooper** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
9. **Osvaldo Ocasio** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Ricky Parkey** ..... Morristown, Tenn.

11. Henry Tillman 12. Boone Pultz 13. Tyrone Booze 14. Dorcey Gaymon 15. Bashiru Ali 16. Chisanda Mutti 17. Jose Maria Flores 18. Pierre Coetzer 19. Michael Greer 20. Anthony Davis.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Marvin Johnson*** ..... Indianapolis, Ind.
2. **Bobby Czyz***** ..... Wanaque, N.J.
3. **Dennis Andries**** ..... England
4. **Slobodan Kacar** ..... Yugoslavia
5. **Eddie Davis** ..... Freeport, N.Y.
6. **J.B. Williamson** ..... Inglewood, Calif.
7. **Willie Edwards** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Prince Mamah Mohammed** ..... Ghana
9. **Leslie Stewart** ..... Trinidad
10. **Jean-Marie Emebe** ..... Cameroon

11. Charles Williams 12. Alex Blanchard 13. Kelvin Kelly 14. Everett Martin 15. Grady Smith 16. Uriah Grant 17. Marvin Mack 18. Don LaLonde 19. Arthel Lawhorn 20. Jerome Clouden.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MARVIN HAGLER* ** *** ..... Brockton, Mass.
1. **Thomas Hearns** ..... Detroit, Mich.
2. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
3. **Robbie Sims** ..... Brockton, Mass.
4. **Herol Graham** ..... England
5. **Don Lee** ..... Gary, Ind.
6. **James Kinchen** ..... San Diego, Calif.
7. **Milton McCrory** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Lindell Holmes** ..... Detroit, Mich.
9. **Michael Nunn** ..... Sherman Oaks, Calif.
10. **Michael Olajide** ..... Canada

11. Tony Sibson 12. Iran Barkley 13. Chong-Pal Park 14. Doug DeWitt 15. Jorge Amparo 16. Charlie Boston 17. Charles Carter 18. Frank Tate 19. Mustafa Hamsho 20. Troy Darrell.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 154 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **John Mugabi** ..... Uganda
2. **Mike McCallum*** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Buster Drayton***** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
4. **Matthew Hilton** ..... Canada
5. **Duane Thomas** ..... Detroit, Mich.
6. **Donald Curry** ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
7. **Carlos Santos** ..... Puerto Rico
8. **Davey Moore** ..... Bronx, N.Y.
9. **Julian Jackson** ..... Virgin Islands
10. **Mark Medal** ..... Jersey City, N.J.

11. Steve Little 12. Ramon Ramos 13. In-Chul Baek 14. Darnell Knox 15. David Braxton 16. Said Skouma 17. Francisco DeJesus 18. Lupe Aquino 19. Chris Pyatt 20. Tony Montgomery.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

LLOYD HONEYGHAN* ** *** ..... England
1. **Tommy Ayers** ..... Cincinnati, Ohio
2. **Maurice Blocker** ..... Washington, D.C.
3. **Simon Brown** ..... Washington, D.C.
4. **Johnny Bumphus** ..... Clementon, N.J.
5. **Marlon Starling** ..... Hartford, Conn.
6. **Mark Breland** ..... New York, N.Y.
7. **Luis Santana** ..... Hawthorne, Calif.
8. **Colin Jones** ..... Wales
9. **Tyrone Trice** ..... Detroit, Mich.
10. **Jun-Sok Hwang** ..... Korea

11. Sylvester Mittee 12. Seung-Soon Lee 13. Horace Shufford 14. Manning Galloway 15. John Munduga 16. Vincent Pettway 17. Harold Volbrecht 18. Kirkland Laing 19. Eduardo Batista 20 Miguel Angel Arroyo.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 140 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Patrizio Oliva*** ..... Italy
2. **Tsuyoshi Hamada**** ..... Japan
3. **Frankie Warren** ..... Corpus Christi, Texas
4. **Rene Arredondo** ..... Mexico
5. **Lonnie Smith** ..... Denver, Colo.
6. **Ubaldo Sacco** ..... Argentina
7. **Gary Hinton***** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Ronnie Shields** ..... Port Arthur, Texas
9. **Terry Marsh** ..... England
10. **Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez** ..... Mexico

11. Joe Louis Manley 12. James (Buddy) McGirt 13. Harold Brazier 14. Howard Davis, Jr. 15. Reyes Cruz 16. Hugo Hernandez 17. Kyung-Duk Ahn 18. Gene Hatcher 19. Tony McKenzie 20. John Montes.

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Ratings as of October 6, 1986

*WBA champion
**WBC champion
***IBF champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Edwin Rosario*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Hector Camacho**** ..... New York, N.Y.
3. **Jimmy Paul***** ..... Detroit, Mich.
4. **Livingstone Bramble** ..... Passaic, N.J.
5. **Darryl Tyson** ..... Washington, D.C.
6. **Jose Luis Ramirez** ..... Mexico
7. **Tyrone Crawley** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
8. **Terrence Alli** ..... New York, N.Y.
9. **Meldrick Taylor** ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
10. **Cornelius Boza-Edwards** ..... Uganda

11. Fred Pendleton 12. Frankie Randall 13. Pernell Whitaker 14. Greg Haugen 15. Roger Mayweather 16. Cubanito Perez 17. Miguel Santana 18. Jesus Romero 19. Alvin Hayes 20. Vinnie Pazienza.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 130 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BRIAN MITCHELL* ..... South Africa
1. **Julio Cesar Chavez**** ..... Mexico
2. **Barry Michael***** ..... Australia
3. **Juan LaPorte** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Alfredo Layne** ..... Panama
5. **Rocky Lockridge** ..... Maple Shade, N.J.
6. **Mario Martinez** ..... Mexico
7. **Johnny de la Rosa** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Dwight Pratchett** ..... Gary, Ind.
9. **Edgar Castro** ..... Venezuela
10. **Francisco Tomas Cruz** ..... Brazil

11. Lester Ellis 12. Kenny Baysmore 13. Mario Miranda 14. Najib Daho 15. Eusebio Pedroza 16. Jean-Marc Renard 17. John Sichula 18. Oscar Bejines 19. Rafael Solis 20. Raphe Sims.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

STEVE CRUZ* ..... Ft. Worth, Texas
1. **Azumah Nelson**** ..... Ghana
2. **Barry McGuigan** ..... Ireland
3. **Antonio Rivera***** ..... Puerto Rico
4. **Marcos Villasana** ..... Mexico
5. **Calvin Grove** ..... Pottstown, Pa.
6. **Bernard Taylor** ..... Knoxville, Tenn.
7. **Jackie Beard** ..... Detroit, Mich.
8. **Jose Marmolejo** ..... Panama
9. **Ki-Yung Chung** ..... Korea
10. **Antonio Esparragoza** ..... Venezuela

11. Min-Keun Oh 12. Refugio Rojas 13. Joe Ruelas 14. Jose Mario Lopez 15. George Navarro 16. Tyrone Jackson 17. Javier Marquez 18. Lupe Suarez 19. Robert Rivera 20. Hector Lopez.

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 122 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1. **Victor Callejas*** ..... Puerto Rico
2. **Samart Payakaroon**** ..... Thailand
3. **Juan (Kid) Meza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
4. **Loris Stecca** ..... Italy
5. **Jaime Garza** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
6. **Harold Petty** ..... Fort Worth, Texas
7. **James Pipps** ..... Vidor, Texas
8. **Mike Ayala** ..... San Antonio, Texas
9. **Julian Solis** ..... Puerto Rico
10. **Ramon Dominguez** ..... Argentina

11. Tommy Valoy 12. Ji-Won Kim*** 13. Daniel Blanco 14. Louie Espinoza 15. Prayurasak Muangsurin 16. George Garcia 17. Seung-Hoon Lee 18. Jesse Benavides 19. Yun-Kap Choi 20. Valerio Nati.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

BERNARDO PINANGO* ..... Venezuela
1. **Miguel Lora**** ..... Colombia
2. **Gilberto Roman** ..... Mexico
3. **Kaosai Galaxy** ..... Thailand
4. **Jiro Watanabe** ..... Japan
5. **Jeff Fenech***** ..... Australia
6. **Gaby Canizales** ..... Laredo, Texas
7. **Albert Davila** ..... Mexico
8. **Greg Richardson** ..... Youngstown, Ohio
9. **Kelvin Seabrooks** ..... Charlotte, N.C.
10. **Daniel Zaragoza** ..... Mexico

11. Frankie Duarte 12. Elly Pical 13. Freddie Jackson 14. Santos Laciar 15. Antonio Avelar 16. Sugar Baby Rojas 17. Hurley Snead 18. Wilfredo Vasquez 19. Azael Moran 20. Edgar Monserrat.

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SOT CHITALADA** ..... Thailand
1. **Jung-Koo Chang** ..... Korea
2. **Hilario Zapata*** ..... Panama
3. **Myung-Woo Yuh** ..... Korea
4. **Paul Gonzales** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5. **Gabriel Bernal** ..... Mexico
6. **Joey Olivo** ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7. **Isidro Perez** ..... Mexico
8. **Hi-Sup Shin***** ..... Korea
9. **Benedicto Murillo** ..... Panama
10. **Alberto Castro** ..... Colombia

11. Jorge Cano 12. Dodie Penalosa 13. Javier Lucas 14. Jose DeJesus 15. Fidel Bassa 16. Rafael Caban 17. Rae-Ki Ahn 18. Duke McKenzie 19. Rafael Cabrera 20. Francisco Montiel.

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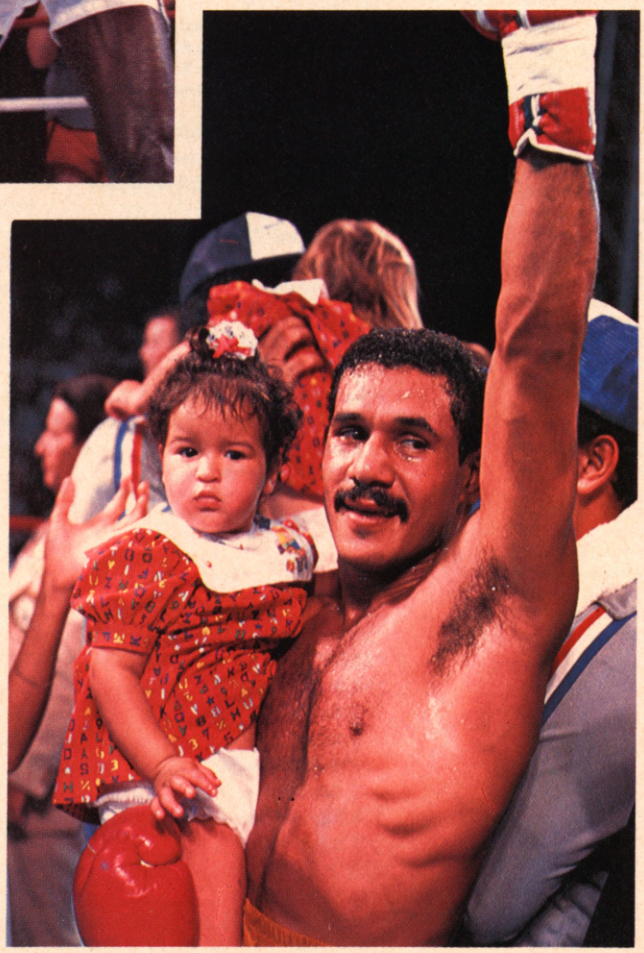


WBA champion Edwin Rosario no longer has to take a backseat to any lightweight in the world—including Hector (Macho) Camacho.

did."

Did he ever!

Bramble made absolutely no effort to fight back. He tried to hide behind his gloves, but Rosario was on him like a vulture on carrion. Finally, a lightning bolt right to the chin propelled Bramble to the canvas where he stayed on his hands and knees until referee Ernesto Magana counted him out at 2:28 of the second round.

The "Pit Bull," as Bramble likes to be called, had never shown any dog in 26 previous pro outings (now 24-2-1, 15 kayoes), but when the chips were down, he acted more like a pampered poodle than the fighting terrier that is his namesake. Though he was definitely hurt, Livingstone looked capable of regaining his feet if he wanted to. Evidently, he decided it wasn't worth the bother.

"I got thumbed in the eye," alibied the ex-champion. "I couldn't see nothing in front of me, so I just stayed down."

Besides Bramble, the big loser was Don King, who recently spent $400,000 to buy Livingstone's promotional rights from Main Events.

Rosario, who raised his record to 24-2 with 19 kayoes, inherited Bramble's manditory defense against Vinnie Pazienza. According to Edwin's co-manager, Jim Jacobs, the fight will probably take place early next year when the college football season is over and more TV dates are available.

Bramble and King were not the only ones taken back by Rosario's stunning victory. Camacho's advisor, Marty Cohen, told *The Ring* that the surprising turn of events effected Hector's performance against Boza-Edwards.

"Hector really got upset when Bramble got knocked out," said Cohen. "It sort of knocked him for a loop. He was on TV at the time, and when Bramble went down, Hector threw off his headset and started yelling at Bramble for blowing a million dollar payday."

If Camacho was distraught over Bramble's downfall, he certainly didn't show it in the first round against fellow-southpaw Boza-Edwards. The pride of Spanish Harlem opened with a bang, buckling Cornelius' legs with a straight left and then putting the transplanted Ugandan down with a right.

Boza, 135, beat referee Carlos Padilla's count, survived Camacho's following barrage, and seemed completely recovered by the end of the round. From then on, it was a radically different fight. Instead of resuming his attack in the second, Hector, also 135, got on his bicycle and stayed there for most of the remaining rounds.

By the third, the crowd was chanting "Boza, Boza," and booing the erstwhile "Macho Man" for his astonishingly negative tactics. Camacho's vast advantage in speed and reflexes kept him several steps in front of his dogged challenger, but his punch-rate was meager, to say the least.

Boza-Edwards tried his best to catch his elusive prey. A battle-scarred veteran who always comes to fight, Cornelius just wasn't quick enough to pin down Camacho long enough to inflict too much damage. When he did manage to close the gap, Hector invariably tied him up.

"All he did was hold and run," said Boza-Edwards. "I've been training since July to meet the Macho Man, and all I got was a rabbit running in the bush."

The seventh was Boza's best round. He dug some good shots to the body and even got the better of one of the fight's few prolonged exchanges. But if Camacho was tired from running, Cornelius was almost completely spent from chasing him.

In the 10th, Hector cut loose with his best flurry since the opening round and coasted home a clear-cut winner.

The scoring was unanimous for Camacho, though rather diverse. Judge Carlos Rafael Cartaya (Venezuela) had it relatively close, 116-112. Judge Vince Delgato (California) scored 118-108, while Dr. Arsenio Garcia Brunel (Mexico) came up with a 120-108 shutout. *The Ring* also gave it to Camacho, 117-112.

The loss dropped Boza-Edwards, the former WBC junior lightweight champion, to 44-6-1 with 24 kayoes. He fared a

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Unscrambling The Lightweight Picture Proves A Puzzle

THOMAS CARLYLE ONCE SAID, "NOTHthing is more terrible than activity without insight." But Don King figured he had all the insight he needed—not to mention both Hector Camacho and Livingstone Bramble under promotional contact. But by the time the moon set over Miami Beach and King's lightweight doubleheader, Bramble was an ex-champion and Camacho was a junior welterweight.

King's plan had been to showcase both lightweight champs one more time on seperate cards and then unify the title. That ambitious project came a cropper when Edwin Rosario zapped Bramble in two and Camacho decided that making 135 pounds was too much of a strain.

What happens next depends on who you talk to.

"No, question I'll be moving up to junior welterweight," said Camacho after retaining the WBC belt with a unanimous decision over Cornelius Boza-Edwards. "I can't make the (135-pound) weight limit any more. In the fifth round, my legs told me it was time to move up. If I stay a lightweight, the next time I may get knocked out."

Marty Cohen, Camacho's business advisor, tells a different story.

"There was no problem making weight. If there had been a problem, I would know about it."

But Marty, why did Hector say there was?

"I don't know why he says the things he does," admitted Cohen. "That's just the way this kid is. He's always play acting."

One thing both Hector and Cohen agree on is that they have been offered a "sizeable chunk of money," as Marty puts it, to fight WBC junior welterweight champion Tsuyoshi Hamada in Japan.

"After the Boza-Edwards fight, Hector said, 'Look Pop, we go for the 140-pound title. Then, I can drop back down and fight Rosario,' " reported Cohen.

Regardless of which direction the "Macho Man" goes, it's sure to be profitable. Even his less-than-scintillating performance against Boza-Edwards doesn't seem to have lowered his stock that much.

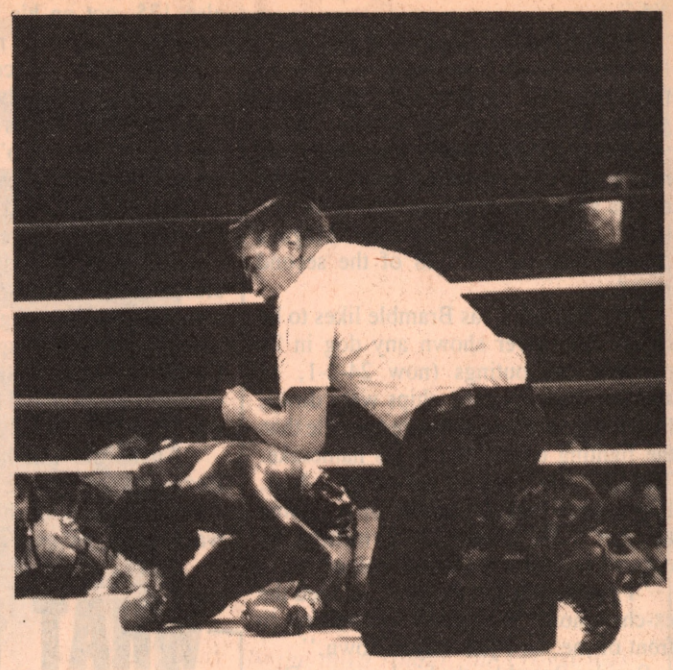
"To me it makes no difference if he moves up to junior welter or not. He's already a two-time champion and he wants to be a four-time champ before he's finished," said Cohen. "Hector will remain popular because he's undefeated, he's cute, and he's flashy. He represents the modern teenager."

While that last sentence probably has parents from San Juan to San Diego rolling their eyeballs, there's a lot of truth to what Cohen says. Love him or hate, noboby below the middleweight division attracts attention—or money—like Camacho. If he deserts the lightweights, those left behind will see their pay checks nose dive even quicker than Bramble did against Rosario. □

—Nigel Collins

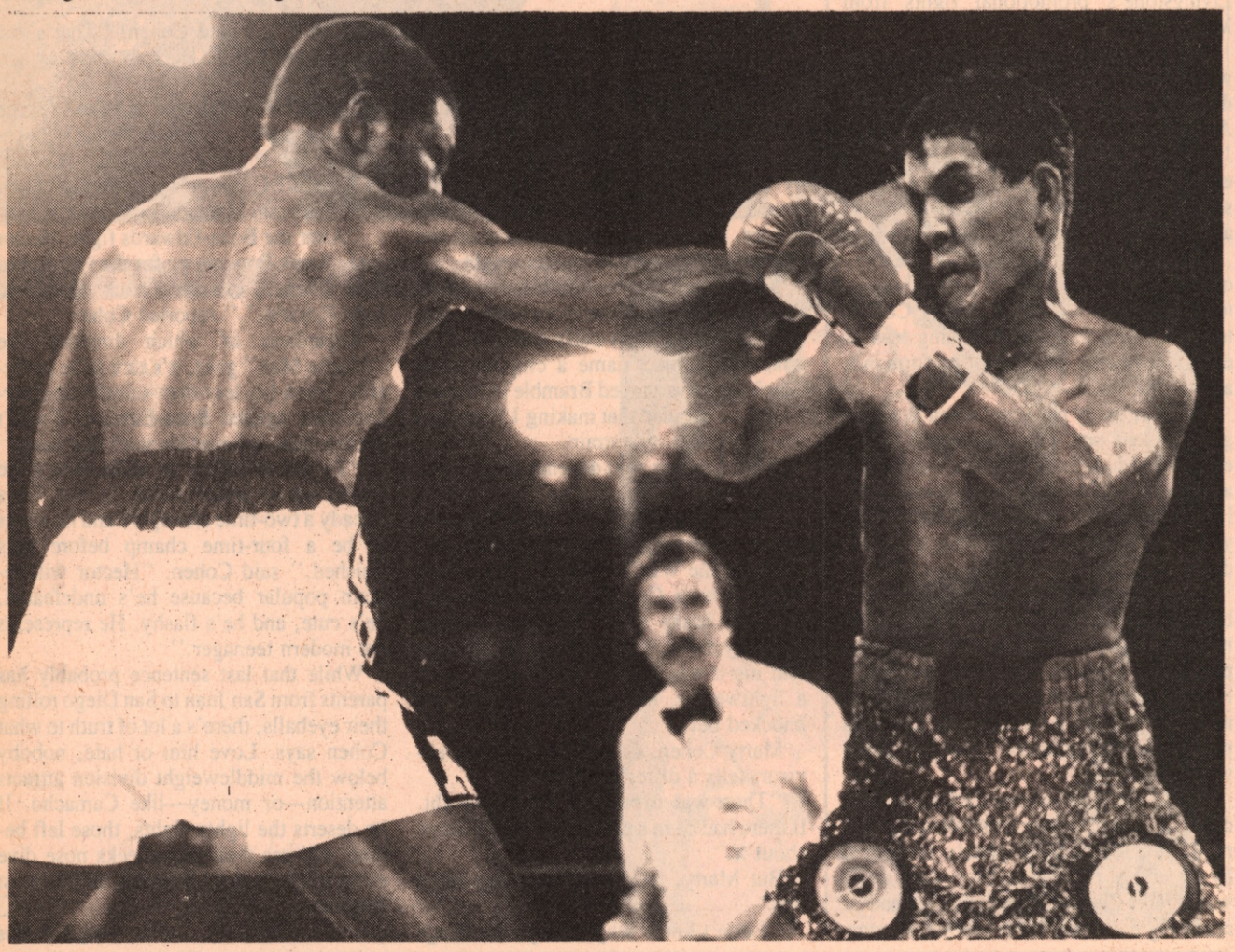
lot better than many experts thought he would, but it is difficult to say whether this was because Camacho refused to mix it up, or because Cornelius has more fight left in his 30-year-old body than most people figured. Either way, he left the ring with his head held high. Camacho, on the other hand, returned to his dressing room to a chorus of boos and catcalls, just as he had after his close call with Rosario earlier this year.

While Camacho remains an enigma, Rosario has shown a remarkable ability to bounce back. When Jose Luis Ramirez stopped him in their incredible 1984 war for the WBC lightweight title, Edwin was written off as just another front-runner who caved-in when the going got tough. Since then, he has shown the kind of stick-to-itiveness and maturity that often signals greatness. But if there is a lesson to be learned from the madness that invaded Miami Beach on the evening of September 26, 1986, it's that in boxing in general, and the lightweight division in particular, nothing should be taken for granted. □



Bramble, who looks like he's searching for a missing contact lense, is counted out by referee Ernesto Magana in the second round.

Southpaw challenger Boza-Edwards didn't land too many punches, but when he did, Camacho certainly felt them.



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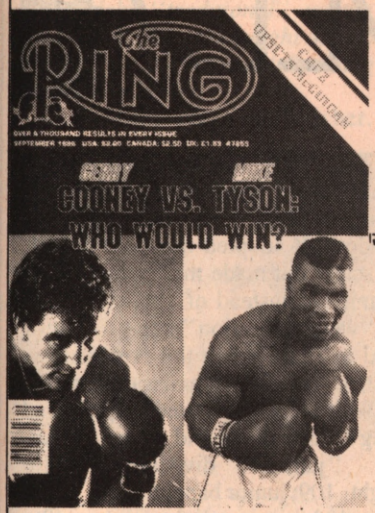

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SOLID GOLD MAN

I THOUGHT I'D WRITTEN ENOUGH about weight limits in the early days (1883-1913) of Queensberry boxing to satisfy most pugilistic scholars. Almost, perhaps, but not all. Mr. Peter Hatton of the International Boxing Research Organization has brought the topic up again, and several things need to be said.

In 1909, professional weight classes were as follows in Great Britain and the U.S.A.:

	G.B.	U.S.A.
Flyweight	112	108
Bantamweight	118	115
Featherweight	126	122
Lightweight	135	133
Welterweight	147	142
Middleweight	160	158
Light Heavyweight	175	175
Heavyweight	Open	Open

The Americans were rather flexible in the case of the welterweight division. Boxers competing for world titles had the option of making either (1) 142 pounds the day of the fight or (2) 145 pounds, ringside.

In 1910, at the time of the Jeffries-Johnson fight in Reno, a delegation from Britain headed by Lord Lonsdale, Eugene Corri, and Lord Alfred Douglas met with an American contingent composed of George Siler, Lou Houseman, Bob Edgren, Bat Masterson, Tim Hurst, Charley White, and several others. Each group submitted a proposed scale of weights, neither of which had anything to do with the scales then in use in either the United Kingdom or America. The two sides then caucaused, and the result was as follows: paperweights, not over 105; flyweights not over 112; bantamweights, 116; featherweights, 122; lightweights, 133; welterweights, 142; middleweights, 154; light heavyweights, 165; heavyweights, open.

This scale has been repeatedly referred to by several boxing historians who appear to be under the naive assumption that it was ever accepted, or even acknowledged, by any sanctioning body, commission, promotional organization, or champion of the day. It never was.

"Fireman" Jim Flynn

The National Sporting Club of Britain continued with its own scale of weights (officially issued in February, 1909), and the Americans went on with their weight limits. In 1911, the newly formed New York State Commission (created by the Frawley Law) issued its own weight class limits: paperweight, 108; bantamweight, 115; featherweight, 123; lightweight, 133; welterweight, 144; middleweight, 158; commission weight, 175; heavyweight, open. (Fireman Jim Flynn immediately claimed the "commission weight" title in a letter to the commission, a copy of which was published in *The New York Times*.)

Four years later, the American Boxing Association was formed in Cleveland, Ohio with well known referee Matt Hinkel as president. It adopted the 1909 British weight scale, but made the featherweight class limit 125 instead of 126.

The "weight question" came to a definite end in 1920, when the present New York State Athletic Commission (created by the Walker Law) adopted the National Sporting Club's limits and added the following "junior" divisions: junior flyweight, 109; junior bantam, 115; junior feather, 122; junior lightweight, 130; junior welter, 140. New York abolished these junior classes ten years later following two highly suspicious world title contests in the junior lightweight division.

Boxing historians, especially those based in Britain, are in the habit of using Maurice Golesworthy's *Encyclopedia of Boxing* as a source when discussing weight classes. Mr. Golesworthy's book, while an extremely interesting and generally accurate reference tool, is far from definitive regarding the history of boxing divisions. He fails to note that the first world bantamweight championship bout at 118 pounds was the Pedlar Palmer-Dave Sullivan contest at London's National Sporting Club on October 18, 1897. (The bout was billed for the "eight stone, 6 pound" world title.) Palmer was the defending world bantamweight champion, having won his title (at 112 pounds) by defeating Billy Plimmer on November 25, 1895. (Plimmer won the title by knocking out Tommy (Spider) Kelly at 110 pounds on May 9, 1892 at the West End Casino on Coney Island. Kelly himself had won and held the crown at 105 pounds.)

All this information, gathered from contemporary issues of *The Mirror of Life* and other sources, forces us to rewrite boxing history, heretofore littered with myth, supposition, and a fair smattering of American self centeredness. Willie Ritchie did *not* raise the lightweight limit from 133 pounds to 135 on a personal whim upon winning the crown from Ad Wolgast in 1912. The truth is that he went to England to defend against Freddie

Welsh at the Olympia Sporting Club in London in 1914, and Welsh insisted on the British limit of 135. Ritchie happily obliged, and Welsh proceeded to win the title.

The eight "traditional" weight divisions are, in fact, the weight divisions established by the National Sporting Club in February, 1909.

Selah, in the words of Fleischer.

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Freddie Welsh

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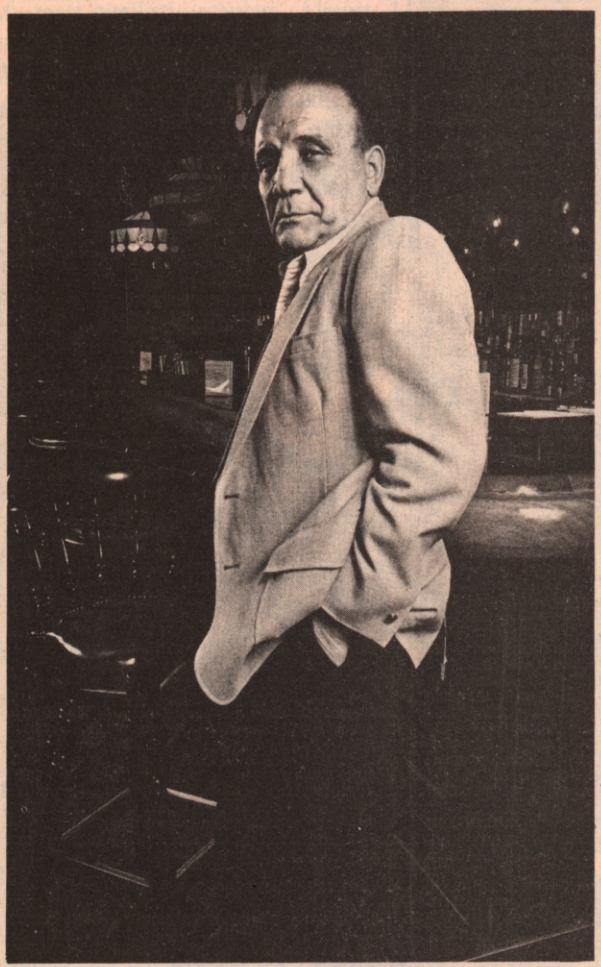

Jake La Motta: the Bronx Bull, hero of the slums, the man Rocky Marciano called the greatest fighter he'd ever seen.

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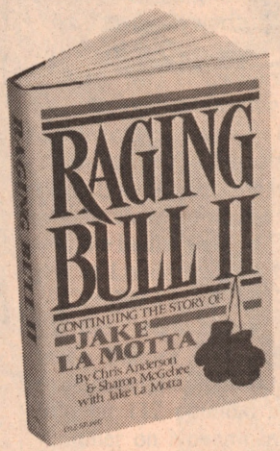

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New Faces

Genaro Hernandez

by Jack Welsh

IF THE GLITZ OF LAS VEGAS AND the psychological pressure of boxing his first 10-round bout as a professional ruffled the id of Genaro Hernandez, the condition was brief.

The 20-year old junior lightweight from Los Angeles stood tall in the fall the first time Top Rank brought Hernandez out of Southern California, and his work against the higher-hyped Lupe Miranda from San Antonio, Texas guaranteed a return date in November.

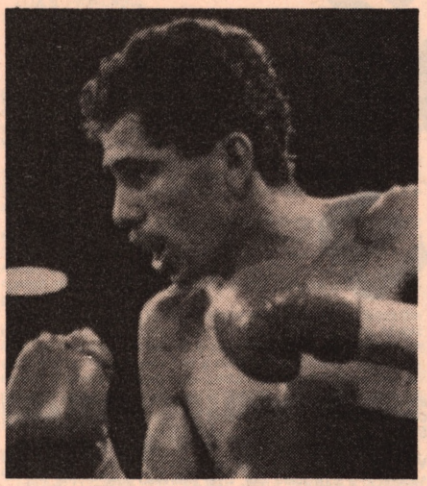
Bernard Taylor getting off the canvas to take "Baby Joe" Ruelas' North America Boxing Federation Featherweight title was the prime thriller the night Hernandez's talents debuted on the Strip at the Sahara Hotel-Casino. What world ranked Taylor did was rather expected, but what the elongated Hernandez achieved in gaining a unanimous decision over 21-year-old Miranda was a surprise bonus that had ringsiders on their feet cheering before the final bell.

It was more than just a youthful matchup of undefeated 130-pounders when the 5'10" Hernandez surfaced as a thinking fighter with a versatile offense that frustrated the power-punching Miranda. After all, Miranda had to be the betting favorite, making his maiden journey to Vegas from the Lone Star state where he had won 10 straight in little more than a year, nine coming inside the distance. Lupe also gained stature by winning his previous outing with a classy 10 round decision over Tommy Cordova, the Albuquerque, New Mexico, dervish who dazzled Las Vegas in 1984-85 with his bell-to-bell punching.

Genaro is trained by his father, Rodolfo Hernandez, Sr., 50, and his brother, Rodolfo, 23, but the well travelled Johnny Cabrera serves as adviser and has input on the fighter's conditioning in well-supervised workouts at the Main Street Gym behind the Olympic Auditorium, a Los Angeles ring landmark.

Nori Takatani is a co-manager, perhaps better remembered as the strategist behind Oscar "Shotgun" Albarado, former World Boxing Association junior middleweight champion (1974-75).

Cabrera can't help smiling when reflecting on Hernandez's first night in a Vegas ring.



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"When he saw that Miranda had stopped nine opponents, Genaro was a little upset, arguing, 'You guys told me this guy only had five knockouts.'

He was understandably concerned because this was his first 10-rounder," Johnny said. "Genaro was a little awed about being in Las Vegas for the first time. But once he settled into the rhythm of the fight, everything was okay. Naturally, Hernandez got a little tired, but there was no panic and he got his second wind."

Miranda, several inches shorter, kept the pressure on from the opening bell, trying to get inside. But Hernandez was in charge, with a 72-inch reach, from the outset with combinations, spiced by uppercuts that had Lupe's nose bleeding after three rounds.

If anybody wanted to question the quality of Hernandez's chin, it would be a wasted exercise. Miranda, with both eyes puffy, tried to get back in the fight in the fifth and sixth rounds and lured Genaro into several midring exchanges. Lupe drove home some solid shots, but Hernandez never lost his composure.

Though he was unable to drop the rugged Texan, Hernandez hurt Miranda with his heavy volleys to the head and body in the ninth and tenth rounds.

Cabrera admits Genaro's speed punching may be minimizing his power potential.

"We're trying to get Hernandez to set down on his punches and put more body behind them. That's hard to do when you're firing on the run," Johnny said. "Genaro tried a little in the latter rounds, but that will come with maturity. He knows that he has a lot to learn to get any kind of a title shot, but he has the desire and ambition to pay the price."

Hernandez came out of the Miranda fight with a bruised right hand, but x-rays disclosed it wasn't anything serious that a two-week rest couldn't cure.

Genaro's father is a native of Guadalajara, Mexico, but the rest of the family was born in Los Angeles. Previously, the best known fistic Hernandez was 23-year-old Rudy, who won the California state welterweight crown and climbed to ninth in the world ratings with a reported 18-1 record before, in the words of Cabrera, "losing his motivation, and desire to train." Genaro's status as a rising prospect has apparently given brother Rudy second thoughts, and he's also back in training, trying to pare down from 200-pounds.

There's a third brother, Joe Hernandez, 6'1", 300, who preceded Genaro to Jefferson High School and later attended East Los Angeles Junior College, where he played football but never boxed. Genaro mixed prep basketball with boxing, where an 80-10 amateur record brought him Golden Gloves and Diamond Belt titles in the Sunshine State.

Hernandez's philosophy on victories is uncomplicated: "It's great to win by a knockout, but I don't worry about it. If it comes, it comes. In a way, a decision is even better because the public gets to see more of your work." □

THE PROFESSIONAL RING RECORD OF GENARO HERNANDEZ

Los Angeles, Calif. Junior Lightweight
Born: May 10, 1966, Los Angeles, Calif.
Reach 72"
Height 5'10"
Managers: Rodolfo Hernandez and Nori Takatani.
Trainers: Rodolfo Hernandez, Sr. and Jr.
Adviser: Johnny Cabrera

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	RESULT
	1984		
Sept. 27	Dino Ramirez	Inglewood	W 4
Nov. 17	Martin Escobar	Los Angeles	W 4
	1985		
June 24	Dino Ramirez	Irvine	W 6
Oct. 29	Rodney Archvleta	Stockton	W 6
Dec. 12	Jose Maytorena	Bakersfield	KO 1
	1986		
Feb. 17	Pablo Montano	Phoenix	TKO 2
Feb. 24	Terry Baldwin	Irvine	TKO 2
Mar. 31	Larry Villareal	Irvine	W 6
Apr. 28	Jorge Valdez	Irvine	TKO 3
July 21	Terry Baldwin	Irvine	KO 8
Sept. 12	Lupe Miranda	Las Vegas	W 10

SUMMARY

TOTAL BOUTS	WINS	LOSSES	DRAWS	KOs
11	11	0	0	5

RINGS AROUND THE WORLD

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NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

▶**IRVINE—Marriott Hotel**—Monte Masters, 215, Saugus, kayoed Nick Delong, 225, Long Beach, who was counted out by referee Dr. James Jen-Kin in 3:06 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. Delong (8-3) a strong but unskilled brawler, was also floored by the comebacking Masters (30-2, but inactive since June, 1984) in the second.

Lee Sentinella's unanimous six round verdict over Tony Chicoine, 160½, Orange, was highlighted by a rare double knockdown in the fifth round. Sentinella, 163 Huntington Beach, always boxed smartly and floored the very aggressive Chicoine (6-4-1) in the opening stanza. Sentinella, a native of Anchorage, Alaska, raised his record to 9-0-1. Scoring: referee Larry Rozadilla, 60-55; judge Chuck Hassett, 58-55; judge Jen-Kin, 59-55.

Teenager Francisco Chavez, 112, Huntington Beach, was a decisive unanimous winner over debuting Gabriel Murillo, 113, San Marcos, four. Jen-Kin, referee.

Unbeaten puncher Ricky Reese, 213, Los Angeles, bounced up from an early knockdown to knock out Dennis Reddick, 216½, Inglewood, in 2:50 of the first round in a scheduled four. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

A first round knockdown and a final round rally gave unbeaten James Evans, 135, Santa Paula, a split decision victory over Gerardo Nava, 133½, Anaheim, four. Scoring: referee Rozadilla, 38-37, Nava: judge Jen-Kin, 38-37, Evans; judge Hassett, 39-37, Nava.

'eke Thompson, 211, Long Beach, TKO'd inexperienced Shawn Desmond, 202, Albuquerque, who was retired in his corner at the end of the second round in a scheduled four. It was comebacking Thompson's first win in six tries. Jen-Kin, referee.

Daniel Garcia, 122, East Los Angeles, unanimously outfought Salvador Hernandez, 122, Commerce, in the excellent four-round opener. Larry Rozadilla, referee.

Dr. Michael Deluca, ringside physician.
Danny Valdvia, ring announcer.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
John Cabrera, matchmaker.
Don Fraser, promoter.
(08-18-86)

▶**SAN DIEGO—El Cortez Hotel**—Local favorite Alex Madrid, 127, San Diego, clearly outboxed trier Ruben Proa, 128½, National City, in the early rounds, then held on to win a majority decision, 10. Madrid is now 11-3-1. Proa fell to 7-7. Scoring: referee Frank Rustich, 96-96; judge Danny Millsap, 96-95; judge Fritz Werner, 97-94.

David Gutierrez, 146, Chula Vista, impressively scored his 15th consecutive victorywhen Kelly Koble, 145, Sunnyvale, retired in his corner at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. The harder single shots of Gutierrez wore down granite-chinned Koble (12-4-1). Scoring through six: referee Werner, 59-54; judge Rustich, 59-54; judge Millsap, 58-56.

Juan Neri, 161½, San Diego, kayoed Dusty Dyer, 160, Mission Viejo, who was counted out by referee Werner in 0:43 of the second in a scheduled four. Dyer was also down in the first.

Richard Demarco, 153, Newport Beach, took his unbeatedn record to three with a hard but unanimous four-round verdict over Cliff Jackson, 153, San Diego, Demarco's conditioning and inside work proved decisive. Scoring: referee Werner, 40-37; judge Rustich, 40-36; judge Millsap, 39-38.

Joe Motton, 154, San Diego, won a four-round majority decision over George Murphy, 152, Compton. Both were last minute substitutes. Scoring: referee Rustich, 39-37; judge Millsap, 39-37; judge Werner, 39-39.

Dr. Michael Lundeen, ringside physician.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Ernie Swanks, ring announcer.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Mike Altinger, Promoter.
(08-21-86)

▶**UNIVERSAL CITY—Sheraton Universal**—Mark Perea, 132, Albuquerque, won his main event debut with a 10-round split decision over useful club fighter Roberto Cantu, 134, Las Vegas. Perea (11-1-1) won all the early rounds. Cantu is now 7-7-3. Scoring: referee John Thomas, 97-93, Perea; judge Kenny Davis, 97-93, Perea; judge Gwen Farrell-Adair, 95-94, Cantu.

Oscar Chavarria, 122, Santa Ana, slugged his way to a split victory over Carlos Manzano, 121, San Pedro, in a sensationally hard fought six. Chavarria (3-1-1) faded in the final round, but deserved the win over the more experienced Manzano (10-4-2). Scoring: referee Farrell-Adair 58-57, Manzano; judge Davis, 58-57, Chavarria; judge Thomas, 58-57, Chavarria.

Manuel Vallejo, 139, Burbank lost the first round on all official cards before overpowering Tony Burroughs 138½, Los Angeles, in 0:34 of the third round in a scheduled four. Burroughs was floored in the second and the third. Farrell-Adair, referee.

Norman Gabourel, 158, Los Angeles, stopped strangely reluctant Henry Johnson, 162, Los Angeles, in 2:31 of the second in their scheduled four. Referee Davis was forced to intervene when Johnson stopped fighting back.

George Murphy, 149, Compton, edged out Joel Gonzalez, 149, Los Angeles, on a four-round split decision. The aggressive Gonzalez deserved at least a draw. Scoring: referee Davis 39-38, Murphy; judge Farrell-Adair, 39-37, Gonzalez; judge Thomas, 39-38, Murphy.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Harry Kabakoff, matchmaker.
Harold Cox, Promoter.
(08-25-86)

▶**RESEDA—The Country Club**—Local favorite Walter Sims, 136, North Hollywood, easily halted outclassed Nery Reyes, 136, San Jose, in 2:55 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Sims (19-3-2) sent the veteran down with a flurry in the first and finished Reyes with a left hook knockdown in the second. Rudy Jordan, referee.

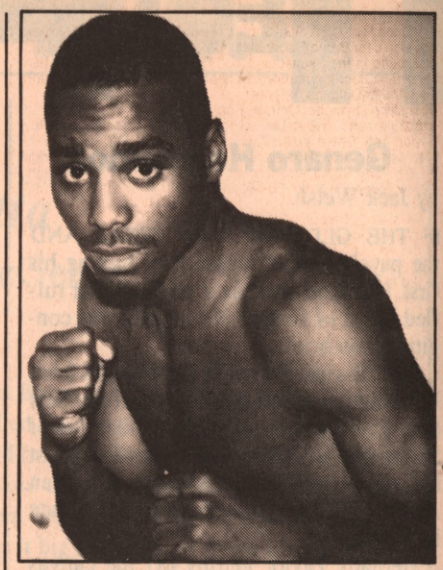
Floyd Weaver, 154, Pomona, knocked out previously unbeaten Richard Demarco, 152½, Newport Beach, with a right to the chin in 1:20 of the first round in a scheduled four. Rudy Jordan, referee.

Debuting Miguel Mendoza, 136, Burbank rallied to floor and stop Martin Nunez, 137, San Jose, in 0:40 of the final round in a punishing four. Raul Caiz, referee.

Debuting Francisco Jimenez, 127½, Los Angeles, stopped Gary Qadree, 128, San Diego, who retired with an injured hand at the end of the second round in their scheduled four. Raul Caiz, referee.

Sergio Gamino, 118, Los Angeles, and Hilario Aguilar, 121, Solano Beach, drew, four. Scoring: referee Caiz, 39-37, Aguilar; judge Dick Young, 38-38; judge Jordan, 38-38.

Dr. Robert Karns, ringside physician.
Aaron Koslow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Daniel Goossen, promoter.
(08-26-86)



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Freddie Pendelton advanced in the Forum's lightweight tournament with an impressive TKO over Manny Hernandez in Inglewood.

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Freddie Pendleton, 135, Miami Beach, impressively kayoed Manny Hernandez, 135, Oakland, to advance to the quarter-finals in The Forum Lightweight Tournament. Pendleton (17-13-2) dropped Hernandez (15-5-1) to the canvas in the opening seconds and completed the job with a left hook which flattened Hernandez in the third. Manny shakily made it to his feet, but was rescued by referee Dr. James Jen-Kin moments later.

Alvin Hayes, 135, Detroit, overwhelmed Danny Vargas, 134, Brownsville, Texas, in a lightweight tournament elimination bout. Vargas (14-7) went down on one knee and was counted out by referee Lou Filippo in 1:00 of the second round in their scheduled 10. the flashy Hayes (26-2) also decked Vargas in the first.

Ramzi Hassan, 175, Campo, unanimously outpointed Jerry Okorodudu, 175, Nigeria, now fighting out of Hollywood, in a Forum light heavyweight elimination match. Hassan (19-2) was too good a technical boxer for Okorodudu (10-2) but his lack of a punch kept the African in the fight. Scoring: referee Vince Delgado, 98-93; judge Hal Rickards, 100-92; judge Gwen Farrell-Adair, 97-93.

Uriah Grant, 173, upset tournament favorite Grover Robinson, 173½, Fremont, also in a Forum light heavyweight first round bout. The inexperienced but strong and persistant Grant (9-3) was ahead on points when he floored and then battered Robinson (31-15) to force the intervention of referee Jen-Kin at 1:50 of the seventh in a scheduled 10. Scoring through seven: referee Jen-Kin, 58-57; judge Chuck Hassett, 58-57; judge Delgado, 58-56.

A fourth round knockdown gave Lawrence Caver, 138, Los Angeles, an unpopular five-round split decision victory over Manuel Vallejo, 138, Burbank Vallejo pressed forward and deserved at least a draw, but both fighters took a lot of punishment. Scoring: referee Delgado, 48-47, Caver; judge Farrell-Adair, 49-46, Caver; judge Rickards, 48-46, Vallejo.

Robert Lewis, 132, Los Angeles, and Oscar Ornelas, 137, Los Angeles, drew in a hard and entertaining four. Scoring: referee Filippo, 39-37, Ornelas; judge Hassett, 38-38; judge Farrell-Adair, 38-38.

Newcomer Sergio Novella, 130, Sun Valley, suprisingly stopped previously unbeaten Russell Mosley, 130, San Diego, in 2:31 of the third round in a scheduled four. Vince Delgado, referee.

David Nicks, 138, Pasadena, was floored in the second round of a scheduled four, but still managed to win a majority decision over Miguel Miranda, 138, Los Angeles. Miranda lost a point in the third round for hitting after the bell. Scoring: referee Delgado, 38-36; judge Hassett, 38-36; judge Rickards, 37-37.

Don Wilson, 176, Beverly Hills, knocked out Keith Johnson, 174¼, San Diego, with a left to the chin in 1:02 of the first round in their scheduled four. Jen-Kin referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Roger Thill, ringside physicians.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Antonio Curtis, matchmaker.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(08-29-86)

▶**LOS ANGELES—Olympic Auditorium**—Comebacking B ernardo Mercado, 240, Los Angeles, wore down and stopped previous victim Fernando Montes, also 240, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, who retired in his corner at the end of the eighth round in a scheduled 10 between overweight over-the-hill heavyweights. Mercado (29-4), in his first fight since knocking out Montes in five rounds on May 7, 1983, controlled most of the action with his left jab. Mercado stunned Montes (24-17-2), a two-time Mexican heavyweight champion, on several occassions, but the formerly rated Colobian never had the energy to follow up his advantage. Lou Moret, referee.

Ramon Rico, 127, Apatzingan, Mexico, won a farcial technical decision over Bruno Rabanales, 128, Mexico City, at 2:53 of the first round in their scheduled 10. The bout was stopped when Rabanales lost his improperly fitted mouthpiece for the fourth time. Vince Delgado, referee.

Mexican Olympian Octavio Robles, 145, Mexico City, won an unpopular and debatable six-round split decision over Ray Taylor, 145, Chula Vista. Taylor (5-2-2) worked hard on the inside, but the taller Robles (6-1) finished with a one-point edge on *The Ring* scorecard. Scoring: referee Pat Connolly, 58-56, Taylor; judge Delgado, 58-56, Robles; judge Moret, 58-56, Robles.

Norman Gabourel, 154, Los Angeles, was clearly outfighting southpaw Oscar Pena, 155, Laredo, when he was knocked out of the ring late in the fourth. Gabourel climbed back in but his legs were gone and referee Delgado intervened at exactly 3:00 of the fourth round in their scheduled six.

Mike Canfield, 155, San Jose, halted prospect Mauro Veronica, 155, Los Angeles, in 2:56 of the third round in another scheduled six. Ringside physician Dr. Roger Thill stopped the fight after Veronica struggled up from his second nine-count of the round. Robert Byrd, referee.

Felipe Fuentes, 140, Mexico City, TKO'd Miguel Miranda, 142, Los Angeles, who was retired by his corner at the end of the second in a scheduled five. Miranda ran into a right and went down in the first. Pat Connolly, referee.

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Always exciting Juvenal Molina, 123, Los Angeles, and Luis Vargas, drew in a good four-round opener. Scoring: referee Byrd, 38-38; judge Connolly, 39-38, Molina; judge Delgado, 39-37, Vargas.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, Dr. Thill, ringside physicians.
Mike Millsap, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Jerry Niss, matchmaker.
Rogelio Robles, promoter.
(09-4-86)

▶**INGLEWOOD—Forum**—Yogi Buchanan, 135, St. Louis, knocked out Alex Byrd, 133, Detroit, with a right hand in 2:14 of the first round in a scheduled 10 round Forum lightweight tournament quarter-final. Referee Larry Rozadilla completed the count just as Byrd made it to his feet. Buchanan (15-4-1) also stopped Byrd (20-5) in the first round seven months earlier in Michigan.

Touted non-puncher Kelvin Kelly, 175, Philadelphia, edged out a split victory over Everett Martin, 175, Houston, 10. Pennsylvania light heavyweight champion Kelly (14-1) swept the final rounds to advance to the second round of The Forum light heavyweight tournament. Martin (13-2-1) outmuscled Kelly to lead through six. Scoring: referee John Thomas 96-95, Martin; judge Rozadilla, 98-94, Kelly; judge Lou Filippo, 98-92, Kelly.

Two other light heavyweight tournament bouts ended early. Arthel Lawhorn, 174½, Detroit, stopped Grady Smith, 173½, Jacksonville, who quit at the end of the seven in a scheduled 10. Lawhorn (15-10-2) was cut on the hair line by a head butt, but Smith (10-2-1) never fought to win. Scoring through seven: referee Filippo, 67-67; judge Raul Caiz, 68-65, Lawhorn; judge Thomas, 69-64, Lawhorn.

Jeff Lampin, 175, Youngstown, impressively halted Paul Madison, 175, Dallas, at 0:41 of the fifth round in their scheduled 10. The stronger Lampkin (27-9-1) always looked like a winner, but Madison (10-4) hung tough until dropped by a left hook. Raul Caiz, referee.

A flash second round knockdown gave Armando Baeza, 124, Norwalk, a five-round draw with better boxer Louis Hernandez, 123, Redlands. Raul Caiz, referee.

Evenly matched George Murphy, 148, Compton, and Joel Gonzalez, 147, Los Angeles, drew, four. Tony Guitron, referee.

Robert Lewis, 134, Los Angeles, and Gerardo Nava, 132½, Anaheim, also drew, four, in a third hard but correctly scored prelim. Tony Guitron, referee.

Dr. Bernhart Schwartz, ringside physician.
Ernie Snow, timekeeper.
Jimmy Lennon, Jimmy Lennon, Jr., ring announcers.
Antonio Curtis, matchmaker.
Jerry Buss, promoter.
(09-11-86)

DEAN LOHUIS

COLORADO

▶**BOULDER**—Professional boxing returned to this city with a five-bout card, held before a crowd of 150. In the manner of a small traveling circus, the ring and festooned bleachers were set up in a vacant lot on the outskirts of town. The fighters used parked trailers as dressing rooms.

The main event saw George Stephens, 204, Boulder, raise his record to 3-0 with a unanimous decision over Levi Perry, 200, Oklahoma City, six. Stephens took an early lead by greeting Perry's bullish charges with stiff jabs and jolting rights. perry wisely moved to working inside Stephens' range, but was unable to wrest control of the fight. Perry rallied in the final frame until Stephens fought him off and almost put him out with a series of booming rights. The final scores were 58-55, 59-56, and 59-52.

Denver welterweight Toby Robertson went to 3-0 when Oklahoma City's Richard Decker mysteriously quit, with nary a punch landed, at 1:18 of the opening frame in a scheduled six.

Bobby Atencio floored Nebraska's Tony Wells twice in the fourth and final round to win by scores of 40-38, 39-38, and 39-37.

Ray Kirk, 137, won a unaimous (40-36, 40-36, 39-37) decision over Rich Carrol, 140, Aurora, Colo., four. Kirk is now 5-0-1.

Boxing purists were treated to a pleasing display of skill and science as old craftsman Larry Bonds mixed it up with Denver welter Billy Parks. Both showed to good advantage in this six-round exhibition.

Referee—Terry O'Connor.
Judges—Ron Pike, Ray Schoeninger, Vern Stevenson.
Timekeeper—Mary Schoeninger.
Ringside Physician—Thomas Pagh, M.D.
R.M.S. Promotions.
(09-13-86)

EDWARD WALSH

CONNECTICUT

▶**HARTFORD—Bulkeley High School**—World welterweight contender Marlon Starling, 148, Hartford, stopped a game but outgunned Dexter Smith, 149, Miami, Fla., with eight seconds left in the fifth round after a rib bruising body assault.

Starling launched a sustained attack to Smith's flanks in the fourth round, and referee Sam Maltempo finally moved in to save Dexter from further punishment. A towel was tossed in at the same time.

Dexter Smith was no set-up. He came to fight, and drew the best out of Starling. Marlon struck with pinpoint punches, probing his foe's midsection while fielding many of Smith's own blows in midair. Smith was knocked down in the fifth round, and Starling rushed in for the finisher when he arose. Referee Maltemp then stepped in.

Starling, now 38-4, looked sharper than at any time since the days before his first fight with Don Curry. There was no Magic Man act this time—a tribute to his trainer, Johnny Duke. Duke and Starling have developed a numbers system of signals, by means of which the trainer can instruct his fighter to throw certain punches without alerting his opponent. Duke was Starling's trainer in his amateur days. He returned after Starling parted from his manager, Mac Buckley.

Pedro Maisonett, 143, Hartford, won a majority decision over Sammy Young, 141, Albany, N.Y., eight. Referee Matt Mullaney ignored Young's repeated claims of foul and his histrionics.

Speedy Gonzales, 130, Albany, won a unanimous decision over Felix Cortez, 128, Hartford, six.

Sammy Ruiz, 126, Albany, won a unanimous decision over Jose Santiago, 127½, Hartford, six.

Khalif Shabazz, 152, Hartford, halted Eddy Correa, 150, Lowell, Mass., in four.

Carlos Vergera, 124, Hartford, dropped Jose Rios, 123, Lowell, Mass., twice and stopped him at 0:35 of the second.

This show was held on Willie Pep's 64th birthday, and the former world featherweight champion was treated to a rousing ovation by the crowd.

Officials—Bob Muravnick, Sam Maltempo, Matt Mullaney.
Timekeeper—Jack LaSalle.
Ring Announcer—Lou Dell.
Ringside Physician—Steven M. Stein, M.D.
Starling Enterprises.
Attendance—244. Gross—$3,490.
(09-19-86)

JOSEPH CASSANO

FLORIDA

▶**FT. LAUDERDALE—Holiday Inn West**—Jimmy Navarro, 120, Miami, won a hard fought unanimous decision over Thomas Elston, 119, Buffalo, eight. Navarro had Elston on EAsy Street in the fifth round, but failed to put him away, and Elston surprised everyone by winning the next two frames. Navarro is now 13-1. Elston is 14-7-1. Bill Connors, referee.

Jimmy Warring, 194, Miamai, used a left-right combo to kayo Roger Troupe, 184, Philadelphia, in 1:35 of the third round in their scheduled eight. Bill Connors, referee.

Joe Golphin, 175, Miami, knocked out Darrell Paul, 178½, Miami, in 1:24 of the first round in another scheduled eight. Bill Connors, referee.

Angelo Gray, 155, Hallandale, TKO'd Phil Lewis, 154½, Miami, who failed to answer the bell for round three of a scheduled six. Bill Connors, referee.

Anthony Logan, 160, Hallandale, won a unanimous decision over Harold Williams, 159, Miami, six. Harry Brennan, referee.

Ivan Gonzalez, 141, Homestead, looked good in stopping Joe Burgess, 139½, West Palm Beach, at 2:56 of the second round in their scheduled six. Gonzalez is now 5-0. Harry Brennan, referee.

Maurice Bruton, 157, Ft. Lauderdale, made his pro debut by stopping Willie Nieves, 1567, Lantana. Nieves was unable to answer the third round due to a bad cut near the eye. Harry Brennan, referee.

Laura & EP Promotions.
Matchmaker — Al Bonannis.
Attendance — 600 (estimated).
(09-12-86)

LOUIS ZIPKIN

ILLINOIS

▶**CHICAGO—Americana Congress**—Joey Ruiz, 139, Chicago, won the Illinois State Junior welterweight title with a unanimous decision over Ali Kareem Muhammad, 137, Chicago, 10. Ruiz is now 23-3-1.

Gary Moore, 139, Chicago, TKO'd Eddie Petty, 134, Cleveland, at 2:49 of the first round in a scheduled six.

David Davis, 159, Chicago, TKO'd Solomon Jones, 160, Chicago, at 1:21 of the second in their scheduled six-rounder. The deaf-mute Davis is now 9-0.

Jeff McWhorter, 143, Chicago, kayoed Rick Spencer, 142, Cleveland, with a shot to the body in 1:23 of the second round in another scheduled six. McWhorter is now 8-2-1. Spencer put up a terrific battle.

Louis Howard, 154, St. Louis, kayoed Robert Brooks, 145, Chicago, in 1:40 of the first round in a scheduled four. Howard, now 9-0, is a good prospect.

Kevin France, 136, Cleveland, made his pro debut with a TKO over Charles Vogel, 139, Champaign, Ill., at 2:44 of the second round in their scheduled four. Vogel was in no condition.

Referees—Stanley Berg, Nate Morgan.
Judges—Mike Glienna, Tim Adams, James DiVito, Wm. Lerch.
Timekeeper—Kenny Kinsch.
Ring Announcer—Ben Bentley.
Ringside Physician—Glen Bynum, M.D.
Promoter—Ernest Terrell.
Attendance—483.
(09-19-86)

KENTUCKY

▶**BOWLING GREEN**—Samuel Floyd, 156½, Louisville, kayoed Larry Tyson, 166, Cincinnati, in 1:10 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Jimmy Ellis, Jr., 165, Louisville, knocked out Gerald Moore, 161, Cincinnati, in 1:10 of the second round in a scheduled eight.

Jimmy Ellis, Jr., 165, Louisville, knocked out Gerald Moore, 161, Cincinnati, in 2:05 of the second in a scheduled six.

Jeff Bumpus, 150, Elkhart, Ind., won a unanimous decision over George Randolph, 147, Indianapolis, six. Randolph tried.

Time Knight, 158, Louisville, won a shutout unanimous decision over Richard Wilson, 162, Indianapolis, four.

Barry McAlister, 136½, Louisville, and Carlos Bates, 132, Elkhart, had their scheduled four declared a tech draw in round two. McAlister sustained a cut over the eye.

Promoter—James B. Cummings.
(09-18-86)

▶**LEXINGTON—Adolph Rupp Arena**—Darrin Van Horn, 154, Lexington, won a unanimous decision over Sammy Floyd, 156, Louisville, 10. A good learning experience for Van Horn, who turned 18 two days before the bout. Floyd, a crafty veteran 17 years Van Horn's senior, subbed for the eccentric Bruce Curry on just one day's notice. Sammy gave a creditable effort, making Darrin miss a lot and countering. Van Horn, however, was a little too busy, and won by scores of 100-92, 99-92, and 98-90 to push his professional record to 26-0 with 18 kayoes. Floyd is a reputed 24-15-2.

Keith Stevenson, 132, Tampa, Fla., TKO'd James Anderson, 132½, Louisville, at 1:35 of round four. Another workman-like performance by Stevenson, who put on the pressure at the outset with a very effective body attack. Stevenson, the NABF's fourth ranked junior lightweight, is now 21-1 with 10 kayoes. Anderson is 6-2-1 with six knockouts.

Paul McPeek, 160½, Ashland, Ky., TKO'd Renny Davis, 161, Houma, La., at 1:25 of the fourth. MePeek, rapidly emerging as one of the most exciting young fighters in the country, is now 7-0 with six knockouts. Davis is 10-6-1 with eight kayoes.

Frankie Swindell, 175½, Nashville, Tenn., TKO'd Charles Dixon, 178, Westwego, La., at 2:20 of round three. Swindell, now headed for the Stroh's tournament in Inglewood, California, is now 10-0 with eight kayoes. Dixon, who had to lose four pounds the day of the fight, is 5-6.

Ted Hatfield, 140, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., won a unanimous decision over Alberto Harris, 139½, Lexington, six. Hatfield is now 18-9. Harris is 3-1.

Sammy Scaff, 256, Ashland, Ky., won a unanimous (60-56, 58-56, 60-55) decision over Art Terry, 220, Salem, W. Va., six. The 6'7" Scaff is now 15-8. Terry is 3-2.

Alessi Promotions/Bluegrass Boxing.
USA Cable Network.
(09-09-86)

MARYLAND

▶**BALTIMORE—Fifth Regiment Armory**—A virtual "happening" in local boxing, which has been lively with excellent club cards but hasn't yet developed a contender, saw an odd appearance by Wilfred Benitez. The fans responded in numbers to see the ex-champ, 155, Bronx, barely escape with his life against Harry Daniels, 159, Carrollton, Ga., 10. The explosive-punching but weak-chinned southpaw figured to do or die in a couple of rounds. Instead, Benitez virtually conceded the first half of the fight by running and not punching. Wilfred seemed determined to prove to everyone that his legs were still there, but the movement required such concentration, he was unable to work his hands. The crowd got a bit restless, but was compensated by the drama of a developing upset.

In the sixth, Wilfred switched from feet to hands, with a concomitant upsurge in action. Leaning into Daniels, he began to go to the body, so that by the final two rounds, Harry was worn out and not punching back. Benitez seemed to just pull it out on points, but the unanimous scoring was questionable, proving much wider than deserved. Tom Kelly had it 97-95, Frank Kelly and Harry Cecchini both 98-95. Larry Barrett refereed.

The undercard bouts, largely featuring green kids, were all crackling good and competitive. Alex Stanley, 182, Baltimore, came on strong to score a repeat, though split, verdict over exhausted Odell Jones, 180½, Baltimore, four. Terry Moore, referee.

Gerard Jordan, 140, Baltimore, looked promising, working the body well for a unanimous win over Tim Davis, 142, Baltimore, in a fine four. Terry Moore, referee.

Wiseacre Warren Knotts, 156, Lexington, N.C., TKO'd Dave Seawell, 150, Baltimore, in just 1:30 of mayhem in a scheduled four. Knotts charged recklessly, got blasted to the canvas by a right counter, then dropped Seawell with a surprise right counter, and floored him again before referee Frank Kelly stopped it.

Keith Grimes, 130, Baltimore, TKO'd Steve Lindsay, 137, Winston-Salem, at 2:50 of the first round in their scheduled four. Lindsay went down amidst free swinging, body crashing action, and sustained a broken collar bone. Terry Moore, referee.

James Byrd, 143, Baltimore, took a close but unanimous ver-

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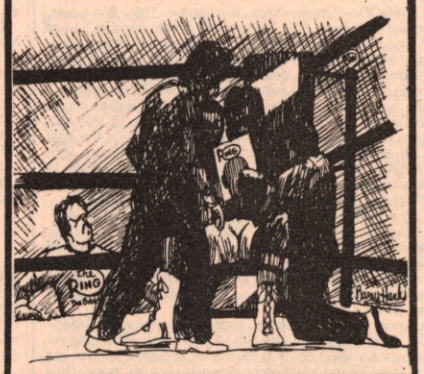

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dict over Lou Barber, 145, Baltimore, in a rock-'em, sock-'em, see-saw four. Frank Kelly, referee.

Tracy Muse, 139, Baltimore, had too much razzle-dazzle for straight-up Lee Fortune, 140, Silver Creek, Ga., to gain a decisive although split decision, four. Frank Kelly, referee.

Promoter—Mike Jensen (Baltimore's Best Boxing).
Matchmakers—Sherman Davis, Billy Brown.
Attendance—1500. Gross—$18,000 (estimated).
Timekeepers—Izzy Bach, Earl Clemons.
Ring Announcer—Tony Baldoni.
(09-17-86)

MICHIGAN

▶**STERLING HEIGHTS—Premier Center**—Upsets continue to be the norm at the Premier Center as favored local light heavyweight Vince (Blue Thunder) Hopper, 177½, Westland, Mich., lost his first fight on an accidental butt at 0:45 of the second round against Phillip Brown, 173½, Columbus, Ohio. A vicious looking cut above the left eye opened up when the 10-1 Hopper collided with Columbus southpaw Brown, 15-18-1, and the ringside doctor had referee Tom Briscoe stop the fight. In the past two main events at the Premier Center (a popular night-spot where top stars like Frank Sinatra, Wayne Newton, etc. have performed), Arthel Lawhorn upset highly favored Diamond Jim MacDonald to win the Michigan State light heavyweight title and Lindell Holmes stopped Murray Sutherland to win the USBA super middleweight crown.

The fighting Byrd brothers out of Flint, Mich., had a lukewarm evening, coming away 1-1-1. Older brother Joe Byrd, Jr., 176, was coming off a 20-month lay-off and didn't even get a chance to shake off the ring rust when Dawud Shaw, 180, Chester, Pa. pounced on him in the second round. A right hand dropped him, a left-right put him down again, and a wobbling Byrd was sent down for the third time by a slapping left hook—more so off balance than hit. The three knockdown rule was imposed and Shaw, 14-9, was a TKO victor at the 1:09 mark. Joe dropped to 10-6.

The talented but light hitting Ronnie Byrd, 125¾, was startled by the first cut of his career, a small one over the right eye caused by an accidental butt, and came back—overcoming a slow start to pull out a 6-round majority draw with Keith McKinney, 130¼, Tampa, Fla. The judges saw it 57-57, 57-57, with the third favoring McKinney, 59-55. *The Ring* saw it 57-57. Byrd is now 8-0-1 and McKinney 4-5-2. The third Byrd brother to fight on the card was young Tim Byrd, 164½, making his pro debut. Tim, 1-0, looked very impressive in stopping previously undefeated Detroit southpaw Lamont (Stringbean) Watson, 163¼, at 2:23 of the opening canto. Two crushing left hooks leveled Watson, 2-1. The Detroiter beat the count, but referee Bob Fisher stopped the contest.

Wars seemed to be the rule of the night, as pintsized dynamo Booker T. Word, 180, Ypsilanti, Mich., proved he could take a punch as well as dish it out in a heavy punching affair with Richard Mason, 183½, Cincinnati, who proved his nickname, "Hardface," really fits. The judges saw the contest 60-54, 60-54, and 58-56 in favor of Word, 8-0-1, but Mason, who dropped to 1-1, battled back bravely throughout. A very good fight.

The 16-year-old youth from Henderson, Ky., who is fighting for ABC Promotions out of Detroit, Fred (The Tank) Adams, 126, had another war himself. Dressed in a camouflage beret and outfit when he entered the ring, Adams looked like it would be a quick one as he blasted "Bad" Brad Woodman, 129, Jackson, Mich. down and almost through the ropes in the opening round with a right hand. Wooman, making his pro debut, got up and turned the fight into a war, cutting Adams over the left eye in the second round. In the end, Adams came away the big winner on the cards, 40-35, 39-36, and 39-36, but it was a brutal fight.

Andre Thibodeaux, 149, Roseville, Mich., ran his record to 3-0 as he crushed Danny Akers, 149, of Jackson, Mich., knocking him down twice and stopping him on a first round TKO. Akers dropped to 0-3.

ABC Promotions.
Matchmaker—Lindy Lindell.
Chief Inspector—John Jackson.
Referees—Tom Briscoe, Bob Fisher.
Judges—Charles Fecay, Philip Ladouceur, Cynthia Worbel.
Ring Announcer—Jim Ingram.
Timekeeper—William Hunter Sr.
(08-28-86)

DAVE HARTOON

NEVADA

▶**LAS VEGAS—Showboat Hotel**—Luis Santana, 151, Los Angeles, won a close but unanimous decision over rugged Tomas Perez, 152¾, Westminster, Calif., 10.

Santana is a natural welterweight who had to build himself up to 151 in order to fight Perez. Luis, who finished with a one-inch cut under his chin, had to rebound from two first round knockdowns to raise his log to 28-4-1 with 22 kayoes. The 26-year-old Perez, younger brother of the world ranked light-weight, Cubanito, saw his ledger dip to 15-1 with 10 knockouts.

Scoring: Bill Graham and Dalby Shirley, both 96-94; Jerry Roth, 97-94. *The Ring* tabbed it 96-95, Santana.

Kenny Snow, 159½, Tyler, Texas, won the ESPN Western Regional middleweight title when Charles Campbell, 159¾, Fort Worth, was not permitted to answer the bell for the fifth round. Snow is now 25-3 with 17 kayoes. Cambell is 16-3-1 with 10 knockouts.

Joe Belinc, 141, Marysville, Wash., won a unanimous decision over Rosenberg Rosas, 141½, Los Angeles, eight. Belinc is now 13-0 with six knockouts. Rosas is 13-5 with four kayoes.

Pete Solarez, 124½, Los Angeles, won a close decision over Paul Ranke, 126, Pomona, Calif., five. Solarez is now 4-0. Banke is 7-1 with three kayoes.

Rusty Rosenberger, 165, Niles, Ohio, outscored Ondrade Williams, 162¾, Los Angeles, four. Rosenberger is now 24-3 with 18 knockouts.

Ed Duffy, 175¾, Las Vegas, made his pro debut by knocking out Ray Sinohui, 170½, in 1:43 of the first round in their scheduled four.

Top Rank, Inc.
(08-05-86)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara Hotel**—A problem with his right hand forced North American Boxing Federation lightweight champion Greg Haugen, 137, to jab his way to a unanimous decision over Ernie Landeros, 136¼, Eagle Rock Calif., 10.

"I hurt the hand in the second or third round when I hit Landeros on the point of the chin. Every time I threw a punch, I'd feel the pain all the way up to my elbow," Haugen said while soaking his mauler in ice. "If this hand hurts next week, the (Terrance) Alli fight is off for September 27. I'm not going to risk my undefeated record (18-0-1 with nine kayoes) if the hand's not right. By the ninth round, I had hit Landeros so much with my left that it was hurting, too."

Haugen wound up pulling out of the Alli bout, and Terrence won the vacant USBA crown with a unanimous decision over Miguel Santana in the fill-in.

Scoring of the Haugen-Landeros contest was as follows: Dalby Shirley, 97-93; Art Lurie, 98-93; Patricia Jarman, 98-92. *The Ring* had it 98-93, Haugen. The loss dropped Landeros to 12-3-2 with seven kayoes.

Former Olympian Henry Tillman, 191¼, knocked out Cedric Parsons, 193, Halifax, N.S./Brockton, Mass., in 2:20 of the first round in their scheduled 10. Tillman, now 11-1 with eight kayoes, right handed Parsons, 13-4 with nine knockouts, into oblivion.

Joey Roach, 118, Las Vegas, went to 7-1-3 (two kayoes) with a unanimous decision over Alex Silva, 115, Los Angeles, six. Silva is now 6-3.

Debuting Karl Riffe, 170¾, Lyle, Wash., and Reddie Ealom, 172½, San Francisco, drew, four. Riffe was knocked down in the first round, Ealom in the second. Reddie's reading is now 3-5-1.

Tim Moseley, 133¾, Las Vegas, floored Rogelio Urviki, 134, Maywood, Calif., twice en route to a TKO victory at 3:02 of the first round in the four-round wind-up.

Top Rank, Inc.
(08-19-86)

▶**LAS VEGAS—Sahara Hotel**—Bernard Taylor, 125½, Knoxville, Tenn., won the NABF featherweight title with a unanimous decision over defending champion Baby Joe Ruelas, also 125½, Placentia, Calif., 12.

Ruelas floored Taylor in the second round with a right that caught him moving in. The challenger dropped flat on his back in midring and referee Carlos Padilla's count reached six before Taylor responded to the environment. He rose at nine and, since the excited Ruelas was wild with his volleys, managed to survive the round.

Taylor's greater experience was obvious once his head cleared, and the former six-time National AAU and Golden Gloves champion used snapping jabs and chopping overhand rights to buckle Ruelas' knees in the fifth, seventh, ninth, 11th, and 12th sessions. The final scoring was as follows: Dick Cole (Dallas), 116-111; Paul Smith (Las Vegas), 119-109; Jerry Roth (Las Vegas), 117-110. *The Ring* carded 118-09, Taylor.

Genaro Hernandez, 129, Los Angeles, won a hard fought unanimous decision over Lupe Miranda, 130¾, San Antonio, Texas, 10. There were no knockdowns, but Hernandez's long reach and superior combos frustrated Miranda's attempts to get inside. Hernandez is now 11-0 with five kayoes. Miranda is 10-1 with nine knockouts.

Avery Rawls, 202½, Los Angeles, knocked out Kenny Davis, 197¾, Fort Myers, Fla., in 1:58 of the third round in a slated eight. Rawls is now 10-1 with eight knockouts. Davis is 5-6.

Ed Duffy, 172½, Las Vegas, halted David Malde, 177, Albuquerque, N.M., at 2:16 of the first round with three knockdowns. Duffy is now 2-0. Malde is 2-2.

Robert Byrd, 125½, Dallas, survived three knockdowns to win a unanimous decision over Jorge Cazares, also 125½, Blythe, Calif., six. Byrd is now 7-0 with four kayoes. Cazares is 7-1 with five knockouts.

Evelio Perez, 127, Anaheim, Calif., TKO'd Jose Luis Hernandez, 128, in five. Perez is now 5-1-4. Hernandez is 7-4.

Top Rank, Inc.
(09-12-86)

JACK WELSH

NEW JERSEY

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int.**—Russell Peltz returned after a brief suspension over a tax quandary, and "celebrated" with the near impossible: bringing Blue Horizon style excitement to the more staid casino atmosphere. Every bout was an action packed war that had a nearly full house roaring with uncommon zeal.

Tony Thornton, 161¼, Glassboro, N.J., graduated to main event status and showed he's to be reckoned with, blasting out dangerous vet Horacio Perez, 160¼, Union City, N.J., at 2:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Perez was dropped twice in the first, unable to elude a whirlwind attack then quickly began taking a savage pounding in the second. Dr. Doggett mounted the apron but appeared tentative, as if afraid of being sucked into the action himself, until attracting ref Rudy Battle's attention.

Hugh Buttons Kearney, 147½, Philadelphia, got an unpopular but fair unanimous verdict over Mike Goudeau, 145, St. Louis/Philadelphia, eight. After conceding the first few rounds to Goudeau's pressure, Kearney scored a fluke knockdown to open the fourth. Turning aggressor, he outscored Goudeau until late in the round, when a big right nearly felled him and sent him staggering to his corner. Opting for discretion, Buttons outmaneuvered Mike the rest of the way. Joe O'Neil, referee.

In a meeting of prospectrs, Vinnie Burgese, 140½, Philadelphia, was rocked in the first, then dug in to outgun Ray Velez, 142¾, New York, in a savagely fought six. Leading comfortably in the final round, Burgese stepped in with a short crackling left hook to drop and TKO Velez at 2:14. Rudy Battle, referee.

Spoiler Juan Muriel, 122, New York, was too much for ever trying John Buckwheat Farina, 122, Ardmore, Pa., in a blistering infighting, six. Muriel won a majority decision in a rematch of a draw. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Calvin Kareem Davenport, 164, Philadelphia, exploded from his corner, cannonballed Victor Ramos, 160, Reading, Pa., around the ring, then walked smack into a right counter and was kayoed at just 0:40 of the first round in scheduled four. Rudy Battle, referee.

Two winless kids who never put up a bad effort met in an action four, with Eric Holland, 151½, Philadelphia, outhustling counterpuncher Warren Nelson, 150, Philadelphia, for a majority win. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Peltz Boxing Promotions.
Attendance—950 (estimated).
Judges—Rich Strange, Ron Burns, Milo Savage.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-12-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Casino Hotel**—the anticipated war between Frank Tate and Curtis Parker didn't quite materialize, but fans were treated to an interesting contest. Tate, 160¾, Detroit via Houston, was impressive in handling the acid test veteran Parker, 160½, Philadelphia, for a unanimous win, 10. Tate is noted for relaxation, while the never-say-die Parker, of course, is quite the opposite. But despite his long arms, the Olympian showed surprising ability to handle Parker on the inside while keeping the action at a lively, but controlled, pace.

It wasn't until the fourth that Curtis launched a high-gear assault and turned it into the expected slugfest. Tate proved equal to the task in furious exchanges. While Curtis won the battle, Frank was winning the war. The action settled back through the middle rounds befor ethe diehard veteran launched his expected stretch drive. But the unbeaten prospect showed he could win on either's terms, outgunning Parker in crackling action right to the bell. Richard F. Murry and Eva Shain voted 8-2, while William Kostrub scored a shutout. Vinnie Rainone refereed.

Lefty Steve Darnell, 161¼, Detroit, outgunned ill-prepared Anibal Perez, 162, Camden N.J., for a unanimous win in a wild and untidy eight. Perez loaded up and stunned Darnell with several kamikaze assaults early, then ran out of gas and took a drubbing, which included a standing eight in the sixth. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Bryant Paden, 135¾, Philadelphia, pounded Roland Cummings, 135¾, Youngstown, Ohio, for a unanimous win in a hard fought six. The game Cummings tried to win on will alone, but the sharp counterpunching of Paden was just too much. Tony Perez, referee.

In a battle of white ticket sellers, skid-skidding Bob Wasielewski, 166½, Bayonne, N.J., rebounded to beat up, cut up, and stop tough Tim Black, 168¼, Pleasantville, N.J., not out for the fifth round of a scheduled six. Perez, referee.

Huge fisted Ken Crosby, 217¼, Atlantic City, dished out a dreadful beating to Charles Dread, 211, Hyattsville, Md., who took a standing eight out on his feet, then was blasted to the canvas and TKO'd at 1:45 of the second in a scheduled four. Tony Perez, referee.

Promoters—Josephine Abercrombie, Jeff Levine (HBA East).
Matchmaker—Ron Katz.
Attendance—500 (estimated).
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Announcer—Ed Derian.
(08-22-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Tropicana Hotel Casino**—Classy boxer Calvin Grove may be in danger of dying on the vine. His talents are beginning to lie fallow, without a challenging opponent in a year. Grove, 125, Coatesville, Pa., defended his USBA feather title with a TKO over Billy White, 126, St. Louis, at 0:35 of the sixth round in a scheduled 12. Though White had stopped Lupe Pintor, and lost only to Roger Mayweather, the champion seemed able to handle him at will. A wiry southpaw with a nondescript, windmilling style, White was pressured along the ropes, then dropped by a left hook in the second. Grove seemed not to care, and coasted for a couple of rounds before turning up the heat in the fifth. A double left hook and right cross had Billy in trouble before a left hook and right cross dropped him. The bell granted a stay of execution, but Grove meant business, and sent the challenger sagging into the ropes at the start of the sixth. Referee Paul Venti gave a look then stopped the bout.

Coming back strong from an upset loss, prospect Tony Martin, 140, Philadelphia, impressed, TKOing Roger Brown, 142, Buffalo, a one-time loster who had been on a win streak, at 2:44 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Crisp uppercuts and solid body shots met Brown's charges, slowly unraveling him until a left hook to the ribs crumpled him through the ropes and onto the apron. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Vinnie Burgese, 139¾, Philadelphia, was all over fragile looking Ray Doughty, 135¼, Waterbury, Conn., dropped him with a left hook and then pounding him on the ropes for a TKO at 0:50 of the second round in a scheduled six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Michael Green, 127½, Plainfield, N.J., drove unbeaten lefty Jose Tirado, 128, Ca;yey, P.R. via New York, into the ropes, then dropped him in a savage exchange for a TKO at 2:58 of the first round in their scheduled six. Paul Venti, referee.

Owen McGeachy, 136, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn, N.Y. TKO'd Tyrone Mr. T, the Body Buster Nelson, 135¼, New York with a standing eight and knockdown in just 0:57 of wild action in a scheduled four. Paul Venti, referee.

Promoters—HBA East, Madison Square. Garden Boxing, John Nittolo Productions.
Matchmakers—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—1,504.
Judges—John Stewart, Frank Brunette, Rich Strange.
Timekeeper—Roosevelt Gilbert.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-04-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina Hotel & Casino**—Whenever the Olympic champs appear, cynics treat the outcome

UNITED STATES RATINGS
BY THE UNITED STATES BOXING ASSOCIATION
(As of September 8, 1986)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Vacant
1. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
2. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
3. James Broad (New Jersey)
4. James Smith (North Carolina)
5. Carl Williams (New York)
6. James Douglas (Ohio)
7. Mike Tyson (New York)
8. Gerry Cooney (New York)
9. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
10. Renaldo Snipes (New York)
11. Elijah Tillery (New York)
12. Michael Dokes (Ohio)
13. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
14. Larry Alexander (New York)
15. Mike Evans (Illinois)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Boone Pultz (Virginia)
1. Ricky Parkey (New Jersey)
2. Bernard Benton (Michigan)
3. Dwight M. Qawi (New Jersey)
4. Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
5. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
7. Henry Tillman (California)
8. Bashiru Ali (California)
9. Anthony Davis (Nevada)
10. Anthony Witherspoon (Pa.)
11. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
12. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
13. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
14. Carlos Hernandez (New York)
15. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Willie Edwards (Michigan)
2. J.B. Williamson (California)
3. David Sears (New York)
4. Mustafa Muhammad (New York)
5. Grady Smith (Florida)
6. Charles Williams (Michigan)
7. Eddie Davis (New York)
8. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
9. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
10. Uriah Grant (Florida)
11. James Salerno (Florida)
12. Tony Willis (Illinois)
13. Virgil Hill (North Dakota)
14. Mike Costello (New York)
15. Junior Edmond (New Jersey)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Lindell Holmes (Ohio)
1. Marvin Mack (Pennsylvania)
2. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
3. Everett Martin (Texas)
4. Vinnie Curto (Florida)
5. Charles Walker (Texas)
6. Nicky Walker (Nevada)
7. Sanderline Williams (Ohio)
8. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
9. Jay Strickland (Texas)
10. Chris Reid (New Jersey)
11. Ron Essett (Indiana)
12. Jorge Amparo (New Jersey)
13. Vincent Boulware (Texas)
14. Carlos Tite (Indiana)
15. Richard Burton (New York)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Robbie Sims (Massachusetts)
1. Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
2. James Kinchen (California)
3. Iran Barkley (New York)
4. Michael Nunn (California)
5. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
6. Don Lee (Indiana)
7. Troy Darrell (New York)
8. Frank Tate (Texas)
9. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)
10. Doug DeWitt (New York)
11. Alex Ramos (California)
12. John Collins (Illinois)
13. Mark McPherson (New York)
14. Kenny Snow (Texas)
15. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Duane Thomas (Michigan)
1. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
2. Davey Moore (New York)
3. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
4. Lupe Aquino (California)
5. Mark Medal (New York)
6. John David Jackson (Pennsylvania)
7. Steve Little (Pennsylvania)
8. Matthew Farrago (New York)
9. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
10. Kenny Styles (New York)
11. Mardo Roybal (California)
12. Tony Ojo (Virginia)
13. Darrin Van Horn (Louisiana)
14. Marucio Rodriguez (Florida)
15. Fred Hutchings (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Johnny Bumphus (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Marlon Starling (Conn.)
3. Maurice Blocker (D.C.)
4. Simon Brown (D.C.)
5. Mark Breland (New York)
6. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
7. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
8. Roman George (Louisiana)
9. Allen Braswell (New York)
10. Danny Garcia (Puerto Rico)
11. Luis Santana (California)
12. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
13. Felipe Canela (California)
14. Vincent Pettway (Maryland)
15. Curtis Summit (Illinois)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Warren (Texas)
1. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
2. John Wesley Meekins (New York)
3. Vincent Pazienza (Rhode Island)
4. Brian Baronet (Pennsylvania)
5. Andy Nance (California)
6. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
7. Ricky Young (New York)
8. Mitchell Julien (California)
9. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
10. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)
11. Howard Davis, Jr. (New York)
12. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
13. Othal Dixon (Texas)
14. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
15. Cassius Clay Horn (Arizona)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
3. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
4. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
5. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
6. Terrence Alli (New York)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
9. Irleis (Cubanito)
10. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
11. Edwin Rosario (Puerto Rico)
12. Greg Haugen (Washington)
13. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
14. Sammy Fuentes (Puerto Rico)
15. Angel Hernandez (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenny Baysmore (D.C.)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Michigan)
2. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
3. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)
4. Jackie Beard (Tennessee)
5. Donald Caples (Texas)
6. Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
7. Anthony English (New Jersey)
8. Bernard Gray (Florida)
9. John Duplessis (Louisiana)
10. Raphe Sims (Texas)
11. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
12. Tony Lopezy (California)
13. Vincent Costello (New York)
14. Luis Rivera (Pennsylvania)
15. Sal Cenicola (New Jersey)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Calvin Grove (Pennsylvania)
1. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
2. Juan LaPorte (New York)
3. Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
4. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
5. Irving Mitchell (California)
6. Billy White (Louisiana)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Refugio Rojas (California)
9. Joe Ruelas (California)
10. George Navarro (New Jersey)
11. Paulie Ayala (Texas)
12. Paul DeVorce (New York)
13. Lupe Miranda (Texas)
14. Hector Lopez (California)
15. Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Richardson (Ohio)
1. Jaime Garza (California)
2. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
3. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
4. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
5. Diego Rosario (New Jersey)
6. Mike Ayala (Texas)
7. George Garcia (California)
8. James Manning (Oregon)
9. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
10. Harold Petty (Texas)
11. James Pipps (Texas)
12. Juan Veloz (New York)
13. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
14. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
15. Robert Shannon (Washington)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Hurley Snead (Michigan)
1. Sugar Baby Rojas (Florida)
2. Kelvin Seabrooks (North Carolina)
3. Jorge Diaz (California)
4. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
5. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
6. Frankie Duarte (California)
7. Albert Davila (California)
8. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
9. Luis Curtis (D.C.)
10. Darrell Thigpen (California)
11. Wilfred Vasquez (Puerto Rico)
12. Sam David (Florida)
13. Jerome Coffee (Tennessee)
14. Jimmy Navarro (Florida)
15. David Gauvin (Massachusetts)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Henry Brent (New York)
1. Paul Gonzales (California)
2. William Ramos Puerto Rico)
3. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
4. Jose DeJesus (Puerto Rico)
5. Lucio Nolasco (California)
6. Mario Savala (California)
7. Kenny Mitchell (New York)
8. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (California)
9. Felix Marquez (Connecticut)
10. Orlando Maldonado (Puerto Rico)
11. Miguel Mercedes (California)
12. Roman Medal (Texas)
13. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
14. Felix Castillo (Texas)
15. Pedro Feliciano (Puerto Rico)

as if foregone. But even though Tyrell Biggs and Mark Breland won with relative ease, the manner of their victories proved revealing: Biggs "can't punch" and Breland can be reached with a left hook counter. Biiggs, 220, Philadelphia, dished out a relentless beating to hapless Percell Davis, 253¾, Santa Monica, Calif. via Detroit, 10. Tagging a fighter with the ubiquitous "can't punch" hex is about as reckless as lending money to your brother-in-law, but wiseguys can't resist. Biggs eschewed his gifted boxing and electged to go toe-to-toe with the humungously fat Davis in action that remained lively, despite total one-sidedness. But though Tyrell wound up with punches that should have had Percell's head popping off on a spring, the victim remained unmoved. At times, Davis appeared ready to fold under the sheer monotony of it, but managed to rebound with enough spirited flurries to keep it interesting. All three judges scored it 10-0. 'Nough said? Joe Cortez, referee.

Breland, 147, Brooklyn, exhibited unquestioned power, dropping Reggie Miller, 147½, Lake Charles, La., with the first serious right of the fight. But he seems to concentrate so much on the one-two that if an opponent manages to survive that and fire an instantaneous left hook, Mark can be reached. Of course, that's like trying to intercept a nuclear missile, as Reggie found out. Twice in the first, he cracked Breland, once causing the vaunted Olympian to back off with his eyes bugging. At the outset of the second, a right behind the ear wobbled Miller again, but he saved himself—momentarily—with another snappy left hook. Breland came back to stagger him with the one-two again, then a cannon of a right cross sent the tottering Miller crashing to the floor, where referee Cortez waved the scheduled 10 over at 1:41 of the second.

Comebacking Dale Jackson, 160, formerly Chicago, now Newark, upset ron Essett, 164, Indianapolis, knocking him out in 0:16 of the 10th and final round. In at times awkward, but always hard fought, action, Essett trundled forward, but was met by snappy counters from his ringwise tormentor. A right had him ready to fall in the eighth, then a short left hook froze him and a chopping right smashed him to the canvas opening the 10th. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Martin Kearney, 152, California, Pa., was too shifty for Johnny Valentine, 152, Mayaguez, P.R. via the Bronx, scoring a unanimous win in a brisk four. Joe Cortez, referee.

Marcell Triplett, 147½, Fayetteville, N.C., drilled George Ross, 148½, Williamsport, Pa., with a beautiful left hook-right cross for a K.O. in 1:38 of the first round in a scheduled four. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Kenneth Kidd, 134¾, Fayetteville, dropped Dave Thomas, 131½, Altoona, Pa., with a left hook to the ribs and a right cross to head for a TKO at 2:49 of the first round in their scheduled four. Vinnie Rainone, referee.

Promoter—Dan Duva (Main Events/Monitor Productions).
Matchmaker—Johnny Bos.
Attendance—1,000 (estimated)
Judges—Thomas Kaczmarek, John Stewart, Wm. Kostrub.
Timekeeper—Art Spell.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-14-86)

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Sands Hotel Casino**—"Diamond" Jim McDonald, 176¾, Flint via Detroit, TKO'd Clarence Osby, 173¾, Houston, at 1:32 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. the fight was actually two bouts in one: a rock-'em, sock-'em thriller for the casual fan, and, for the rinwise, an agonizing display of two shot fighters desperately trying to get there first with a finisher. Osby appeared to be winning the battles, while losing the war. His attack was steadier, and he pulled several rounds out with big finishes after McDonald's harder shots had him in trouble earlier.

By the fifth, with both eyes swelling, Clarence appeared the more shopworn of the two. Mcdonald sent him moving straight back with a popping right, then dropped him with a sharp double left hook. On arising, an unsteady Osby tried to punch back weakly, but a flurry to the body brought down his hands and a left hook corkscrewed him into the canvas. Up again, he was quickly rocked, and referee Rudy Battle stopped it.

Dave Tiberi, 165½, New Castle, Delaware, scored a surprise knockdown over Wesley Reid, 164¾, Long Beach, New York, in the first, then retreated and pecked his way to a unaimous decision in a very dull six. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Southpaw Daryl Lattimore, 146½, Washington, D.C., proved too tricky for a pressing but confused "Delicious" Derrick Davenport, 147¾, Jersey City/Bayonne, with a unanimous win, six. "Delicious" was insipid by the final round. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Anthony (The Nightmare) Pearson, 141, Milwaukee via Paterson, proved more of a dream for fans, as he looked very sharp stopping unbeated James Barnes, 137¾, Washington, D.C., on his feet at 2:57 of the fourth and final round. Rudy Battle, referee.

Joe Henry, 158, Bronx, unleashed solid right counters in dropping lefty Dave Lozada, 157¼, Youngstown, in the first and second for a TKO at 2:24 of round two in a scheduled four. Joe O'Neil, referee.

Promoters—HBA East, Madison Square Garden Boxing.
Matchmakers—Ron Katz, Bobby Goodman.
Attendance—300 (estimated).
Judges—Joe Pasquale, Al DeVito, Phil Newman.
Timekeeper—Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
(09-18-86)

J.R. JOWETT

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts-International Hotel-Casino**—Dejavú for John Wesley Meekins, but on this evening, with somewhat more at stake. Meekins, 140, New York, now owns a 12-0-2 mark (10 via kayo), and both draws have come by the technical route. An accidental clash of heads had left Martin Quiroz unable to go on in round one last December. This time it was Harold Brazier, 139¾, south Bend, Ind., suffering the same fate—a badly bleeding gash on his forehead—in round two of their scheduled 12-rounder for the vacant NABF (super lightweight) title. He was unable to continue, and the bout was ruled a technical draw at 0:25 of round two.

Both combatants came out in the first with top gear intensity—reved up and ready. Tight faces and quick releases punctuated the atmosphere. The slight edge to Meekins on our card came compliments of a high voltage right that was the focal point of a bristling session.

Round two had only just hatched when the clash of heads occured, and the initial reaction by both boxers was one of disgust—Meekins first pointing at the cut and then each in turn slamming gloves together. Blood flowed immediately and the chief ringside physician hustled in and stopped the bout without any reservation.

As for whose "fault" it may have been, replays indicate both coming together simultaneously, but Brazier being held in check by Meekins' left arm, which is drapped around Harold's neck. Even if he wasn't being forceably pulled down and in, Brazier may well have been drawn to take the path of least resistence—staying low rather than breaking up and away from Meekins "hold." Tony Orlando, referee.

A rematch has been penciled in for Halloween night. Will ghosts and gobblins haunt that affair?

Victorio Belcher, 136, South Bend, Ind., took a very questionable six-round split decision over Tim Burgess, 134, Brooklyn. The aggressive Burgess backed up the taller Belcher most of the fight. He had the quicker hands and a battle plan that kept his foe guessing throughout. So how did Victorio get the win? Beats me? Will the state have another seminar shortly? Will it do any good? How can judge John Poturaj see it 4-1-1 and Rocky Castellani score 5-1 for Belcher, while Eva Shain tabbed it 4-2, Burgess? *The Ring* had it 4-1 for Burgess. Tony Orlando, referee.

An eight-rounder saw another close call that drew almost as many disbelieving boos as the Belcher-Burgess decision. Rip Rettig, 147, Jersey City, N.J., took a unanimous verdict over George Brooks, 145¾, Lancaster, Pa. Both of these boxers usually are involved in the best action bouts on the card, and matching them together was a can't miss proposition. Rettig forced the action inside on his much taller adversary, while Brooks countered smartly with solid lefts and rights but, alas, didn't quite put out the volume as did Rettig. Shain and Castellani both had it 5-3, while Poturaj saw it 6-2. *The Ring* agreed with the first two. Steve Smoger, referee.

Reggie Currington, 206, Capitol Heights, Md., spoiled the pro debut of Earl Clark, 199, Philadelphia, in a scheduled four when he scored a TKO win at 1:57 of the first round. Clark just couldn't avoid the big right hand. He was down once, took a standing eight, was being battered in his own corner when referee Smoger stopped it.

Timekeeper—Art Spell
Ring Announcer—Mikchael Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
(09-05-86)

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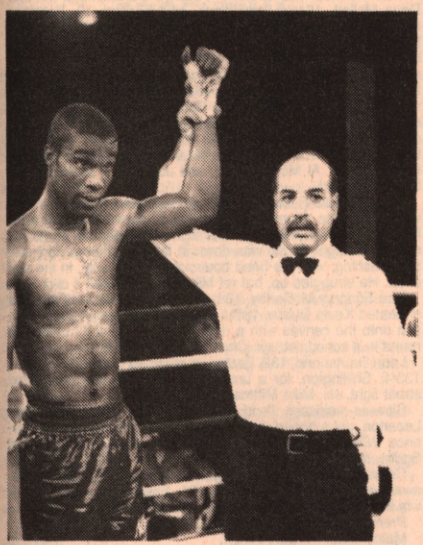

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Referee Joe Cortez raises Michael Nunn's hand following the undefeated Californian's 10-round decision over Mike Tinley in Atlantic City.

▶**ATLANTIC CITY—Resorts Int. Hotel**—Michael Nunn, 161, North Hollywood, Calif., won a unanimous decision over Mike Tinley, 160¼, Camden, N.J., 10.

Henry Milligan, 176½, Wilmington, Dela., TKO'd Rusty Rosenberger, 175½, Cleveland, at 2:30 of round seven.

Gilbert Maldonado, 136, New York, won a unanimous decision over Tim Moley, 136¾, Selden, N.Y., six.

Job Walters, 126, Long Beach, New York, won a unanimous verdict over Chris Diaz, also 126, New York, four.

Reggie Currington, 206, Baltimore, won a unaimous decision over Curtis Dudley, 197, Hartford, four.

Timekeeper — Lindsey Tucker.
Ring Announcer — Michael Buffer.
Top Rank, Inc.
Matchmakers — Teddy Brenner, Bruce Trampler.
(09-19-86)

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NORTH AMERICAN RATINGS
BY THE NORTH AMERICAN BOXING FEDERATION
(As of September 22, 1986

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Mike Tyson (New York)
2. Michael Spinks (Missouri)
3. Pinklon Thomas (Pennsylvania)
4. Larry Holmes (Pennsylvania)
5. Gerry Cooney (New York)
6. Tyrell Biggs (Pennsylvania)
7. James Smith (North Carolina)
8. Tony Tucker (Michigan)
9. James (Buster) Douglas (Ohio)
10. James Broad (New Jersey)
11. Tony Tubbs (Ohio)
12. Willie de Wit (Alberta)
13. Larry Alexander (Tennessee)
14. Marvis Frazier (Pennsylvania)
15. Jose Ribalta (Florida)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bert Cooper (Pennsylvania)
1. Dwight Muhammad Qawi (N.J.)
2. Lee Roy Murphy (Illinois)
3. Henry Tillman (California)
4. Tyrone Booze (Connecticut)
5. Ricky Parkey (New York)
6. Spencer Chavis (Michigan)
7. Bashiru Ali (California)
8. Michael Greer (Tennessee)
9. Bernard Benton (Ohio)
10. Alfonzo Ratliff (Illinois)
11. Dorcey Gaymon (Florida)
12. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
13. Henry Milligan (Delaware)
14. Curtis Isaac (Michigan)
15. Mike Mohn (Pennsylvania)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Willie Edwards (Michigan)
1. Don LaLonde (Manitoba)
2. Eddie Davis (New York)
3. J.B. Williamson (California)
4. Charles Williams (Michigan)
5. Mustafa Muhammad (New Jersey)
6. Bobby Czyz (New York)
7. David Sears (New York)
8. Edward (Grady) Smith (Fla.)
9. Kelvin Kelly (Pennsylvania)
10. Jeff Lampkin (Ohio)
11. Leslie Stewart (Florida)
12. Everett Martin (Texas)
13. Prince Mamah Mohammed (Calif.)
14. Virgil Hill (North Carolina)
15. Chuck Walker (Texas)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Thomas Hearns (Michigan)
1. Michael Olajide (B.C.)
2. Donald Lee (Indiana)
3. Lindell Holmes (Michigan)
4. Iran Barkley (New York)
5. Michael Nunn (California)
6. James Kinchen (California)
7. Frank Tate (Michigan)
8. Kevin Watts (New Jersey)
9. Mustafa Hamsho (New Jersey)
10. Doug DeWitt (New York)
11. Matt Farrago (New York)
12. Curtis Parker (Pennsylvania)
13. Mark McPherson (New York)
14. Tony Montgomery (Michigan)
15. Tony Thornton (New Jersey)

SUPER WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Matthew Hilton (Quebec)
2. Milton McCrory (Michigan)
3. Buster Drayton (Pennsylvania)
4. David Braxton (Michigan)
5. John Mugabi (Florida)
6. Sean Mannion (Massachusetts)
7. Mardo Roybal (California)
8. Kenny Snow (Texas)
9. Troy Darrell (New York)
10. Davey Moore (New York)
11. Mauricio Rodriguez (Florida)
12. Mark Medal (New York)
13. Jack Callahan (Indiana)
14. Kevin Moley (New York)
15. John David Jackson (Pa.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Blocker (New Jersey)
1. Tommy Ayers (Ohio)
2. Tyrone Trice (Michigan)
3. Simon Brown (D.C.)
4. Mark Breland (New York)
5. Allen Braswell (New York)
6. Marlon Starling (Connecticut)
7. Luis Santana (California)
8. Darryl Anthony (Missouri)
9. Manning Galloway (Ohio)
10. Rigoberto Lopez (California)
11. Horace Shufford (Nevada)
12. Juan Alonzo Villa (Mexico)
13. Hugh Kearney (Pennsylvania)
14. Shawn O'Sullivan (Ontario)
15. Darren Van Horn (Louisiana)

SUPER LIGHTWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. James (Buddy) McGirt (New York)
2. Joe Louis Manley (New Jersey)
3. Rodolfo (Gato) Gonzalez (Mexico)
4. Rene Arredondo (Mexico)
5. John Meekins (New York)
6. Harold Brazier (Indiana)
7. Gene Hatcher (Texas)
8. Ronnie Shields (Texas)
9. Lonnie Smith (Colorado)
10. Andy Nance (California)
11. Gary Hinton (Pennsylvania)
12. Vinnie Pazienza (Rhode Island)
13. Cassius Clay Horn (Arizona)
14. Ricky Young (New York)
15. Angel Cruz (Pennsylvania)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Greg Haugen (Washington)
1. Terrence Alli (New York)
2. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Nevada)
3. Jimmy Paul (Michigan)
4. Darryl Tyson (D.C.)
5. Meldrick Taylor (Pennsylvania)
6. Cubanito Perez (California)
7. Roger Mayweather (Nevada)
8. Fred Pendleton (Florida)
9. Pernell Whitaker (Virginia)
10. Brian Baronet (Pennsylvania)
11. Tyrone Crawley (Pennsylvania)
12. Frankie Randall (Tennessee)
13. Felix Gonzales (California)
14. Mauricio Aceves (Mexico)
15. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)

SUPER FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Dwight Pratchett (Indiana)
1. Johnny de la Rosa (Florida)
2. Raphe Sims (Texas)
3. Rocky Lockridge (New Jersey)
4. Keith Stevenson (Florida)
5. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
6. Juan LaPorte (New York)
7. Anthony English (Pennsylvania)
8. Donald Caples (Texas)
9. Jackie Beard (Michigan)
10. Wilmer Ruiz (Texas)
11. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
12. Vinnie Costello (New York)
13. Refugio Rojas (Mexico)
14. Vernon (Yogi) Buchanan (Mo.)
15. Mark Fernandez (Colorado)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Bernard Taylor (Tennessee)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Baby Joe Ruelas (California)
3. Richard Savage (Louisiana)
4. Irving Mitchell (California)
5. George Navarro (New Jersey)
6. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
7. Tyrone Jackson (New York)
8. Lupe Suarez (Texas)
9. Hector Lopez (California)
10. Roger Arevalo (Mexico)
11. Lenny Valdez (Mexico)
12. Bruno Rabanales (Mexico)
13. Antonio de la Paz (Mexico)
14. Pete Anzaldua (Arizona)
15. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)

SUPER BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mike Ayala (Texas)
1. Louie Espinoza (Arizona)
2. Jaime Garza (California)
3. Juan (Kid) Meza (California)
4. Harold Petty (Texas)
5. Aaron Lopez (Texas)
6. Jesse Benavides (Texas)
7. Ramon Rico (California)
8. Alvaro Ramos (Arizona)
9. Jorge Ramirez (California)
10. Johnny Carter (Pennsylvania)
11. Ramon Jimenez (Mexico)
12. Alfredo Rangel (Texas)
13. Juan Veloz (New York)
14. Gilberto Contreras (Texas)
15. Pasqual Aranda (Texas)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Frankie Duarte (California)
1. Kelvin Seabrook (North Carolina)
2. Albert Davila (California)
3. James Pipps (Texas)
4. Gaby Canizales (Texas)
5. Jesus Salud (Hawaii)
6. Antonio Avelar (Mexico)
7. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
8. Steve McCrory (Michigan)
9. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
10. George Garcia (California)
11. Raul Perez (Mexico)
12. Candelario Carmona (Mexico)
13. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
14. Mike Moreno (California)
15. Eddie Rangel (Texas)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Paul Gonzales (California)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
3. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
4. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
5. Jimmmy Fernandez (Mexico)
6. Mike Phelps (Texas)
7. Ray Medel (Texas)
8. Marco Antonio Benitez (Mexico)
9. Arturo Mujica (Mexico)
10. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
11. Armando Velasco (Mexico)
12. Artemio Ruiz (Mexico)
13. Tony Escobar (Mexico)
14. Orlando Canizales (Texas)
15. Alonzo (Strongbow) Gonzalez (Calif.)

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Isidro Perez (Mexico)
2. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
3. Ruben Padilla (Mexico)
4. Santiago Mendez (Mexico)
5. Efren Pinto (Mexico)
6. German Torres (Mexico)
7. Francisco Montiel (Mexico)
8. Memo Flores (Mexico)
9. Emilio Santos (Mexico)
10. Javier Alonzo (Mexico)
11. Adalberto Martinez (Mexico)
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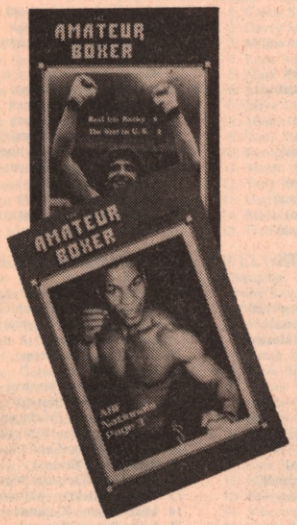

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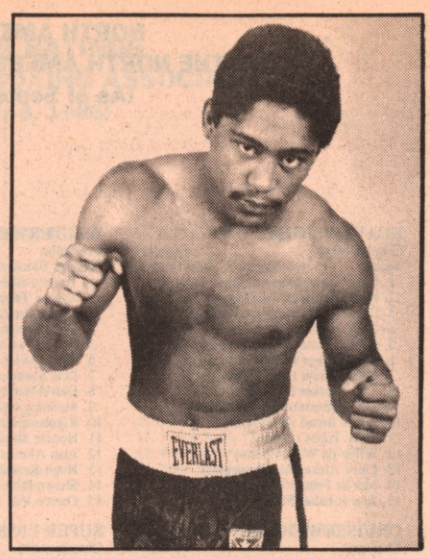


Former WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte continued his comeback as a junior lightweight with a third-round TKO over Jimmy Magnifico in New York City.

NEW YORK

▶**NEW YORK CITY—Felt Forum**—James (Buddy) McGirt, 141½, Brentwood, N.Y., won a unanimous decision over former WBC super lightweight champion Saoul Mamby, 142½, Bronx, New York, 10. The 22-year-old McGirt had too much fire for the 39-year-old Mamby, who hadn't fought in over a year. Scoring: Ruben Carcia and Billy Graham, both 8-1-1; Victor Suarez, 8-2. *The Ring* had it 7-2-1. McGirt is now 29-1-1 with 25 knockouts. Mamby is 36-17-5 with 16 kayoes. Arthur Mercante, referee.

Former WBC featherweight champion Juan LaPorte, 132, Puerto Rico, TKO'd Class C Jimmy Magnifico, 133, Hackensack, N.J., at 1:36 of the third round in their scheduled 10. Magnifico ran for the first two rounds, but LaPorte caught him with a right that floored him in the first. Magnifico rose, but LaPorte jumped all over him and referee Al LoBianco stepped in. LaPorte is now 27-6 with 14 kayoes. Magnifico is 9-11-3 with one knockout.

Felix Santiago, 143½, Brooklyn, N.Y., had problems with Rudy Fuentez, 141½, Paterson, N.J., over the first four rounds, but edged his way in front after decking Fuentez with a right hand in the fifth. Santiago floored his man again in the eighth session and hit him a good right hand shot when he was down for good measure. Instead of giving Fuentez time to recover from the palpably illegal blow, referee Charley Norkus counted him out at 1:11. Fuentez's management said it would file a letter of protest with the New York State Athletic Commission. Fuentez was leading, 4-3, on two out of three cards after seven. The other tally was 4-2-1, Santiago. Santiago is now 14-0-1 with 11 knockouts. Fuentez is 11-4-1 with three kayoes. It was scheduled for 10.

Ricky Young, 140, Harlem, New York, won a unanimous decision over David (Dynamite) Taylor, 139, Atlanta, Ga., eight. this was a rematch of a 10-round battle Young and Taylor had in this arena last year, but only in the final frame did Taylor show the fire he had in the first bout. Scoring: Ruben Garcia, 5-2-1; Billy Graham and Al Reid, both 7-1. Al LoBianco, referee. Young is now 17-3 with six kayoes. Taylor is reputedly 9-5-2.

Royan Hammond, 152½, Vallejo, Calif., won a unaimous decision over Reynaldo Hernandez, 154, San Juan, P.R., eight. Scoring: Ruben Garcia, 7-0-1; Al Reid, 6-2; Victor Suarez, 8-0. Paul Field, referee. Hammond is now 11-0 with six kayoes. Hernandez is 12-4 with four knockouts.

Ticket seller Seamus McDonagh, 181, Brooklyn knocked out a pathetic fellow billed as Rocky Cunningham, 176, Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1:41 of the first round in a scheduled six. Referee Samuel Viruet counted Rocky out on his second visit to the canvas. McDonagh is now 6-0 with five kayoes. Cunningham is 1-2.

Joey Caraballo, 131, Bronx, New York, and Raymond Reyes, 129, Kew Gardens, N.Y., drew, six. Scoring: Ruben Garcia, 4-2, Reyes; Billy Graham, 3-3; Victor Suarez, 4-2, Caraballo. Paul Field, referee. Caraballo is now 11-2-1 with five kayoes. Reyes is 5-2-2.

Don Crudup, 166, Baltimore, Md., made his pro debut with a TKO over Pedro Marquez, 164, Brooklyn, at 1:06 of the first round in a scheduled four. A right hand decked Marquez, and referee Viruet stopped the contest seconds later. Marquez is now 1-1.

Joey Winters, 198, SMithtown, N.Y., debuted with a first round knockout over Michael Thomas, 205, Philadelphia, in the scheduled four-round chaser. Referee Paul Field waved Thomas out at 2:08, following the second of two knockdowns. Thomas is now 0-3.

Timekeeper—Cecilio Pedraja.
Ring Announcer—Ed Derian.
Total Attendance—1,922.
(09-25-86)

HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PENNSYLVANIA

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Blue Horizon**—It's as if you can't get a bad fight here. Although used-up Eric Winbush, 178, New York, acted like he only wanted to get paid and go home unhurt, he ended up giving house fighter "Prince" Charles Williams, 173, Mansfield, Ohio, via Philadelphia, a fright — and promoter Peltz coniptions. After octopusing his way through eight rounds of non-action, Winbush seemed to decide he had nothing left to fear in the ninth. A left hook stunned Williams and sliced his right eye like a melon. As the fighter's face turned red, the promoter's became ashen. In the final round, a frantic Peltz stationed himself behind the timekeeper, bobbing like a cork in a flood as he blurted the countdown to the scrambling fighters. Williams fumbled artlessly to the final bell, but even here couldn't escape anxiety. Judge Adalaide Tyndale, apparently awarding points for survival, scored it for Winbush, 46-45! She was thankfully outvoted by Carol Polis (49-43) and Joe Sweeney (49-44). Frank Cappuccino refereed.

Marvin Garris, 138, North Philadelphia, boxed his way to an unpopular but deserved unanimous decision over ineffectively aggressive Curtis Adams, 140, Germantown, eight. Tyndale voted 39-34, Polis 38-36, and Sweeney 37-34. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Southpaw Sidney Outlaw, 156, N. Philadelphia, simply outslugged returning Kenny Reese, 157, West Philadelphia, for a unanimous win in a savagely fought six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Bob Nicks, 150, W. Philadelphia, got surprised and dropped twice in the first by Rodney Carter, 146, N. Philadelphia, but came back to outfight and kayo Carter in 1:21 of the third round in a scheduled six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

In a wild free-for-all that had the house in a frenzy, Eric Valentine, 215, N. Philadelphia, reversed a loss when he dropped and TKO'd Kevin Bucceroni, 199, Blackwood, N.J., at 3:05 of the third round in a scheduled four. Valentine was on his way out when he made a desperation rally, brutally clubbed Bucceroni down, then comically strutted around as if he'd known it all along. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Tim Brown, 155, W. Philadelphia, twice floored Kevin Fulton, 153, W. Phila., for a TKO at 2:12 of the first round in their scheduled four. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Promoter/Matchmaker—J. Russell Peltz (Peltz Boxing Promotions).
Attendance — 850, Gross — $9,000 (estimated).
Timekeeper — J.P. Mina.
Ring Announcer — Hank Kropinski.
(08-19-86)

▶**BETHLEHEM—Stabler Arena**—Enterprising Larry Holmes, not content to rest on his millions, assumed the role of promoter and returned boxing to his home area, the Lehigh Valley. The crowd wasn't what it should have been, but the card was excellent.

Mark Holmes, 162½, Easton, scored a unanimous win over Doug Mallett, 161¾, Providence, in a bruising 10. Returning from his devastating kayo at the hands of John Collins, Holmes' best move proved to be the clinch. Not that it was a bad fight, but Mark was clearly the superior boxer — while his ability to tie up club brawler Mallett kept it from degenerating into Doug's fight. Mallet sneered, jeered, and glared after Holmes when rounds ended, but couldn't lure Mark into a street fight. Holmes speared him with the jab and snapped over rights, while Doug somehow didn't seem to realize his best weapon would have been to roughhouse his tormentor in the clinches. Carol Polis scored 50-41, Al Morris 50-42, and Joe O'Neil 50-40. Charlie Sgrillo refereed.

Unpredictable Robert Hill, 191, Philadelphia, threw a monkey wrench into the return of local boxing by demolishing unbeated Mike Mohn 194½, Shillington, at 2:31 of the second round in a scheduled eight. Mohn was down in the first, then a right sent him crashing, with his head bouncing dangerously, in the seconbd. He struggled up, but ref Mike Mittman ruled it over.

Ron Stingray McCarthy, 184¼, EAston, upset Joe Franzier's unbeated Kevin Dublin, 187¼, Philadelphia, blasting him face-first onto the canvas with a right for a TKO at 2:33 of the first round in a scheduled six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Leon Drummond, 132, Easton, outgunned Scott Li'l Red Derr, 133¼, Shillington, for a unanimous win in a no-holds-barred street fight, six. Mike Mittman, referee.

Slow-as-molasses Todd The White Lion Englehart, 156½, Lebanon, got a booed, but just, split verdict over reluctant Clarence Williams, 147½, Bethlehem, in a dreadful six. Charlie Sgrillo, referee.

Crowd-pleasing banger Chris Organtini, 131¾, Norristown, swarmed all over Richie Lovell, 131, Easton, for a u nanimous win in a good four. Mike Mittman, referee.

Promoter — Larry Holmes (Sports Cor, Inc.).
Matchmaker — Gary Hegyi.
Attendance — 800. gross — $10,000 (est.).
Timekeeper — Elise Lashe.
Ring Announcer — Joe McHugh.
(09-19-86)

▶**PHILADELPHIA—Woodhaven Sports Center**—An odd club card, a rag-tag collection of prelims featuring mostly out-of-town fighters, was presented at a new location for boxing. Nevertheless, the show was good, with managers of some of the fighters paying their purses to keep them active, and merchants putting up some backing to offset the lack of local appeal.

Al Shoffner, 188, Philadelphia, blitzed out tricky Greg Johnson, 182½, Charleston, W.Va., who appeared savvy but just couldn't escape the hard punching Shoffner's ambitious attack. Johnson was dropped along the ropes, and TKO'd at 0:56 of the third round in a scheduled six. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Southpaw Mike Rouse, 233½, Norfolk, won a unanimous decision over Art Terry, 228¼, Salem, W. Va., in a rugged huff-and-puffer six. Frank Cappucino, referee.

In a comedy six, returning Steven Floch, 244¼, Staten Island, clubbed hogfat George Wooten, billed as "The Hillbilly Slugger," 250, Lynco, W. Va., to the canvas for a TKO at 1:42 of the first. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Glenwood Brown, 141, Plainfield, N.J., dropped James Byrd, 145, Baltimore with a tame looking left hook for a fishy TKO at 0:58 of the first round in their scheduled six. Frank Cappuccino, referee.

Kimbrady Carriker, 154¾, Darby, Pa., dished out a beating to Chris Bajor, 153¾, Kensington, dropping him for a TKO at 3:00 of the first round in a scheduled four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Ken Page, 166½, Trenton, in an all-action four. Ozzie Sadler, referee.

Promoters—Mike Acri, Lance Lanzoni.
Matchmaker — Mike Acri.
Attendance—200. Gross — $2,300 (est.).
Judges — Adalaide Tyndale, Carol Polis, Joe Sweeney.
Timekeeper — Carl Hutchings.
Ring Announcer — Ed Derian.
(09-20-86)

J.R. JOWETT

VIRGINIA

▶**CRYSTAL CITY**—Keely Thompson, 131, Arlington, Va., knocked out Will Rankin, 134, Charlottesville, Va., in the first round of a scheduled 10.

Lemorrah Bolding, 163, Baltimore, Md., TKO'd Michael Douglas, 150, Washington, D.C., in the second round of a scheduled four.

Ivory Teague, 150, Washington, D.C., won a unanimous decision over Peter Mitchell, 163, Paterson, N.J., four.

Alonzo Cutchins, 175, Charlottesville, Va., kayoed William Monday, 180, Washington, D.C., in the first round of their scheduled four.

Promoter—D. Chambers
(09-19-86)

SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Argentine and South American featherweight champion Fernando Sosa announced his retirement due to a detached retina.
(06-01-86)
▶**TRELEW**—Former amateur star Roberto Villalba outpointed Miguel Steinbach, six, light heavyweights.
(06-06-86)
▶**COMODORA RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi won a technical decision over Panamanian Jorge Pino in four, junior middles.
(06-06-86)
▶**TRES DE FEBRERO**—Argentine and South American junior flyweight champion Mario Demarco halted Enricque Caro in three.
(06-06-86)
▶**COSQUIN**—Juan Carlos Cortés outclassed Carlos Laciar, 10, to retain his Córdoba State junior featherweight title.
(06-07-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo won the South American welterweight title by knocking out Ramón Abeldaño in six.
(06-14-86)
▶**SANTA MARIA**—Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi halted José Saldivia in two, junior welters.
(06-14-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Argentine and South American lightweight champion Jesús Romero outpointed Chilean Edelcio Molina Ortiz, 10.
▶**CORDOBA**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán outpointed veteran Eduardo Contreras, 10, light heavyweights.
(06-19-85)
▶**VENADO TUERTO**—Antonio Ricardo Juárez outpointed Alberto Villalba, ten, welters.
(06-19-86)
▶**SELVA**—Brazilian cruiserweight Camargo Britez outpointed Alberto Barragán in eight.
(06-20-86)
▶**ISLA VERDE**—Carlos Víctor Velázquez outclassed Ricardo Cisneros, 10, junior middleweights.
(06-27-86)
▶**SALTA**—Rising junior lightweight Eduardo Galán outpointed Bolivian Carmelo Cazón Cadena, 10.
(06-27-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Unbeaten Hugo Marinageli halted Ramón (Potro) Ramos in three to win the Argentina junior middleweight crown.
(06-28-86)
▶**RAFAELA**—Nestor Giovannini knocked out Brazilian Pedro Ferraro in eight, light heavies.
(07-04-86)
▶**LA RIOJA**—Lorenzo García outclassed Antonio Hugo Vicente in ten, junior welters.
(07-04-86)
▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Julio Miranda halted Bolivian Fernando Fuentes in three, junior lightweights.
(07-04-86)
▶**SAN LUIS**—Panamanian Jorge Pino outpointed Néstor Albarracín, ten, middleweights.
(07-05-86)
▶**SAN LORENZO**—Rising middleweight Hugo Corti continued his unbeaten streak by outpointing Carlos Schulz, 10.
(07-05-86)
▶**MENDOZA**—Patricio Gil outpointed Juan Carlos Cortés, 10, junior featherweights.
(07-08-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—In an excellent bout, South American junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas and Argentine and South American flyweight title holder Adrián Román drew, 10.
(07-11-86)
▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Marcelo Di Crocce stopped Hugo Luero in the eighth round, welters.
(07-11-86)
▶**SALTA**—Argentine and South American welterweight champion Miguel Angel (Puma) Arroyo won by a disqualification over Mario Matthysse in seven.
(07-11-86)
▶**OBERA**—Angel Caro stopped Paraguayan Perfecto Bobadilla in the first round, middleweights.
(07-11-86)
▶**SANTA FE**—Former world champion Santos (Falucho) Laciar halted former Argentine champion Alberto Pacheco in eight, junior bantamweights.
(07-17-86)

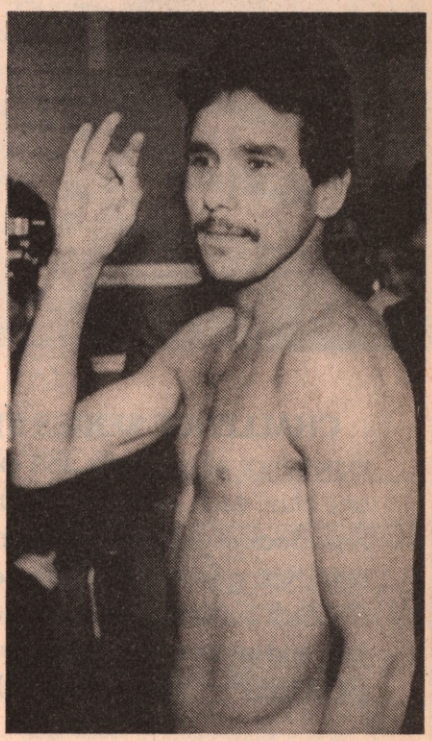
▶**SALTA**—Gilberto Román retained his world junior bantamweight title by outpointing Rubén Condorí, 12. The match was dominated by the champion, Cordorí backpedalling in order to last the distance.

On the undercard, Héctor Vilte halted Ernesto Rivero in three, welters. José Rivera stopped Leoncio Maldonado in five, welters. Ricardo Nuñez outpointed Hugo Vera, six, junior middleweights. Mexican. Gilberto Sosa outpointed Eusebio Andrade, six, flyweights. Manuel Villalba outpointed Angel Gimenez, six, junior featherweights. Ignacio Gorriti outclassed Rodolfo Durán, six, junior bantamweights. Carlos Soria drew with Luis Morales, six, featherweights.
(07-18-86)
▶**LA PLATA**—Juan Martín (Látigo) Coggi and Ramón Collado drew, 10, junior welterweights.
(07-19-86)
▶**LINCOLN**—In an upset, Eduardo Benevent outpointed Adolfo Arce Rossi, 10, junior welterweights.
(07-19-86)
▶**MAR DEL PLATA**—Unbeaten junior featherweight and Los Angeles Olympian Pedro Décima knocked out experienced featherweight Ramón Soria, a former Argentine champion and world challenger, in the second round.
(07-19-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Jorge Dáscola halted Guillermo Aguirrezabala in five, heavyweights.
(07-25-86)
▶**CAÑADA DE GOMEZ**—Carlos del Valle Herrera outpointed Domingo Sosa, 10, junior middleweights.
(07-31-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Hugo Corti outpointed Vicente Silva, 10, middleweights.
(08-01-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Alberto Mercedes Cortés halted Chilean Edelcio Molina Ortiz in five, lightweights.
(08-01-86)
▶**SANTA ROSA**—Argentine junior middleweight champion Hugo Marinageli stopped Luis Tiribiza in three.
(08-01-86)
▶**SAN FRANCISCO**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán halted American Darryl Penn in three, light heavyweights.
(08-01-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Pedro Armando Gutierrez outpointed Julio Melone, 10, junior welters.
(08-08-86)
▶**SAN JUAN**—Ramón Dominguez retained his Argentine junior featherweight title via a draw with Patricio Gil, 12.
(08-08-86)
▶**PERGAMINO**—South American cruiserweight title holder José María Flores Burlón of Uruguay outpointed former world champion Marvin Camel, 10.
(08-08-86)
▶**MENDOZA**—Ricardo Gil and Julio Miranda drew, 10, lightweights.
(08-08-86)
▶**VILLA MERCEDES**—Welterweight Simón Escobar outpointed junior welterweight Ramón Jara, 10.
(08-08-86)
▶**SALTA**—Rising junior welterweight Héctor Vilte halted Sergio Loyola in three.
(08-08-86)
▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Eduardo Galán kayoed Carlos Ibarra in four, lightweights.
(08-08-86)
▶**COMODORO RIVADAVIA**—Sergio Ronconi outclassed Panamanian Jorge Pino, 10, middleweights.
(08-08-86)
▶**NUEVE DE JULIO**—Roberto (Rocky) Defooz outpointed Mario Fernández, 10, lightweights.
(08-08-86)
▶**RESISTENCIA**—José Cubilla outpointed Bolivian Carmelo Cazón Cadena, 10, junior lightweights.
(08-08-86)
▶**TUCUMAN**—Sergio Merani outpointed José Helguera, 10, light heavyweights.
(08-15-86)
▶**MENDOZA**—Hugo (Pajarito) Hernández kayoed José Ludueña in six, junior welterweights.
(08-15-86)
▶**CONCEPCION**—South American junior bantamweight champion Gustavo Ballas outpointed Ramón Horacio Albers in ten, junior bantamweights.
(08-15-86)
▶**CORDOBA**—Juan Carlos Cortés retained his Córdoba State junior featherweight title by outpointing Carlos Laciar, 12.
(08-15-86)
▶**LA PLATA**—Hugo Luero outpointed Ramón Collado, 10, welters.
(08-16-86)
▶**MENDOZA**—Rising Daniel Lagos outpointed Raúl Gutiérrez, 10, flyweights.
(08-22-86)

▶**DON TORCUATO**—Argentine middleweight champion Darío Matteoni outpointed veteran light heavyweight Eduardo Contreras, 10.
(08-22-86)
▶**SALTA**—Mario Araya outpointed Peruvian Tito Acosta, 10, lightweights.

Junior welterweight Antonio Hugo Vicente halted Peruvian junior middleweight Pedro Lavalle in seven.
(08-22-86)
▶**BUENOS AIRES**—Néstor Giovannini won the Argentine light heavyweight crown via a close decision over Jorge (Violín) Salgado in twelve rounds.
(08-23-86)
▶**ROSARIO**—Juan Domingo (Martillo) Roldán continued his successful comeback by halting Miguel (Canibal) Maldonado in two, middleweights.
(08-27-86)
▶**SALTA**—Héctor Vilte outpointed Adolfo Arce Rossi, 10, junior welterweights.

Peruvian Nelson Ulrich stopped Juan Ivalo in seven, bantamweights.
(08-27-86)
▶**SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY**—Julio Miranda outpointed Jorge Pompé, 10, junior lightweights.
(08-27-86)
▶**MENDOZA**—Veteran Hipólito Nuñez and José Mario López drew, 10, feathers.
(08-27-86)



Gilberto Roman held onto his WBC junior bantamweight belt with a draw against former WBA flyweight king Santo Laciar in Cordoba.

▶**CORDOBA**—Gilberto Román retained his world junior bantamweight title via a split draw with former WBA flyweight champion Santos (Falucho) Laciar, 12. It was a hard fight, ruled by Laciar in the first half and by Román in the second. *The Ring* agreed with judge Angel Luis Guzmán (Puerto Rico), who had it 116-116. Moisés Sister (Brazil) had Román ahead, 117-116, and Tony Perez (USA) carded 117-111, Laciar.

On the undercard, South American junior bantamweight champion and former WBA title holder Gustavo Ballas drew with Juan Carlos Cortés, 10.

Rising lightweight Alberto Mercedes Cortés halted Mario Vizcaya in four.

Argentine and South American champion Adrián Román knocked out Roman's sparring partner, Gilberto Sosa, Mexico, in the fifth.
(08-30-86)

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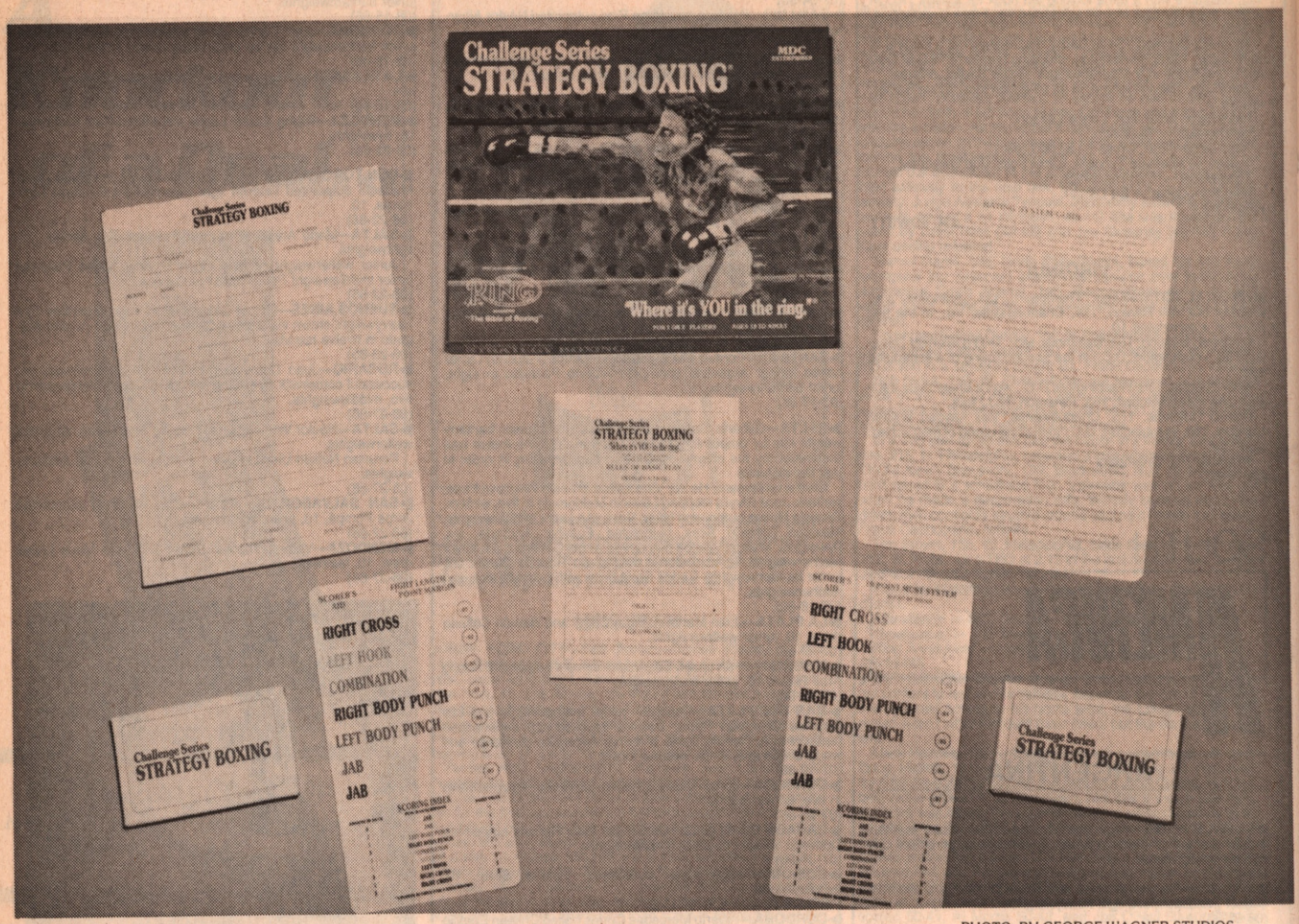

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BOLIVIA

▶**TARIJA**—Carmelo Cazón Cadena knocked out Gonzalo Gandarilla in the 11th to win the Bolivian lightweight title. (07-05-86)

▶**LA PAZ**—Argentine Ricardo (Bolita) Espinoza halted Roberto Choque in four, junior welterweights. (07-26-86)

BRAZIL

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian and South American heavyweight champion José Adilson (Maguila) Rodrigues halted André van der Ostelar in three.

Brazilian light heavyweight champion Rui Barboza Bomfin halted Argentine Geronimo Ramrirez in nine.

Brazilian flyweight champion Claudemir Carvalho Dias stopped Argentine Crespín Alvarez in three. (07-27-86)

▶**SAO PAULO**—Brazilian flyweight champion Claudemir Carvalho Dias outpointed Panamanian Julio Gudiño, 10. A very questionable decision. (08-17-86)

▶**CAMPO GRANDE**—Brazilian, South American and Latin American junior lightweight champion Francisco Tomas da Cruz halted Argentine Albino Gomez in the first round.

Brazilian welterweight champion Elio Santana halted Alberto Avalos in four. (08-24-86)

CHILE

▶**ANTOFAGASTA**—Cardenio Ulloa halted Colombian Javier Brown in two, bantamweights. (07-03-86)

▶**OSORNO**—Oscar (Monzón) Benavides outpointed Eduardo Primo, 10, lightweights. (07-04-86)

▶**TALCA**—Fernando Mena won the Chilean welterweight title by stopping Juan Hernández in eight. (07-05-86)

▶**SANTIAGO**—Latin American bantamweight champion Cardenio Ulloa halted former Argentine and South American champion José Rufino Narváez in three. (08-08-86)

▶**TALCA—José Badilla outpointed Oscar Vergera, 12, for the Chilean junior flyweight title.** (08-08-86)

▶**SAN FELIPE**—Juvenal Lorca Ordenes halted Argentine Francisco Quiroga in four, feathers. (08-14-86)

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COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Horace Notice (Great Britain)
1. Trevor Berbick (Canada)
2. Frank Bruno (Great Britain)
3. Joe Bugner (Great Britain)
4. Hughroy Currie (Great Britain)
5. Proud Kilimanjaro (Zimbabwe)
6. Funso Banjo (Great Britain)
7. Willie de Witt (Canada)
8. Rudi Pika (Great Britain)
9. Ken Lakusta (Canada)
10. Donovan Ruddock (Canada)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
1. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
2. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
3. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)
4. Tony Fuliangi (Tonga)
5. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
6. Andy Straughn (Great Britain)
7. Dave Russell (Australia)
8. Young Dempsey (Canada)
9. Stewart Lithgo (Great Britain)
10. Eddie Melo (Canada)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
1. Dennis Andries (Great Britain)
2. Prince Mamah Muhammed (Ghana)
3. Joe Lasisi (Nigeria)
4. Tom Collins (Great Britain)
5. Gary Hubble (Australia)
6. Enoch Chama (Zambia)
7. Yawe Davis (Uganda)
8. Doug Sam (Australia)
9. Willie Featherstone (Canada)
10. Roddy McDonald (Canada)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
1. John Mugabi (Uganda)
2. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
3. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
4. Michael Olajide (Canada)
5. Ayub Kalule (Uganda)
6. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
7. Tony Burke (Great Britain)
8. Brian Anderson (Great Britain)
9. Steve Renwick (New Zealand)
10. Abdul Sanda (Ghana)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Nick Wilshire (Great Britain)
1. Mike McCallum (Jamaica)
2. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
3. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
4. Lloyd Hibbert (Great Britain)
5. Prince Rodney (Great Britain)
6. Ken Salisbury (Australia)
7. Gary Cooper (Great Britain)
8. David Noel (Trinidad)
9. Mark Janssen (Australia)
10. Mick Courtney (Great Britain)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
1. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
2. Brian Janssen (Australia)
3. Kirkland Laing (Great Britain)
4. John Munduga (Uganda)
5. Tony Brown (Great Britain)
6. Kostas Petrou (Great Britain)
7. Rocky Kelly (Great Britain)
8. Charles Kwokolo (Nigeria)
9. Jeff Malcolm (Australia)
10. Judas Clottey (Ghana)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
2. Pat Leglise (Australia)
3. Tony Laing (Great Britain)
4. Mohamed Kawoya (Uganda)
5. Laurie Mann (Canada)
6. Jamie Ollenberger (Canada)
7. Anthony Andrews (Guyana)
8. Tony McKenzie (Great Britain)
9. Will Gentzen (Australia)
10. Joseph Alexander (Trinidad)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Langton Tinago (Zimbabwe)
1. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (Great Britain)
2. Terrence Alli (Guyana)
3. Dale Artango (Australia)
4. Lester Ellis (Australia)
5. Graeme Brooke (Australia)
6. Remo DiCarlo (Canada)
7. Tony Willis (Great Britain)
8. Mo Hussein (Great Britain)
9. Sam Ago Kotey (Ghana)
10. Mike Durvan (Great Britain)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
John Sichula (Zambia)
1. Barry Michael (Australia)
2. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
3. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
4. Patrick Ford (Guyana)
5. John Doherty (Great Britain)
6. Sam Akromah (Ghana)
7. Pat Doherty (Great Britain)
8. Kevin Pritchard (Great Britain)
9. Shane Knox (Australia)
10. Steve Sims (Great Britain)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
1. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
2. Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
3. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
4. Modest Napunyi (Kenya)
5. Robert Dickie (Great Britain)
6. John Feeney (Great Britain)
7. Tony Pep (Canada)
8. Tony Miller (Australia)
9. Anthony Brown (Great Britain)
10. John Farrell (Great Britain)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Paul Ferreri (Australia)
2. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
3. Ray Gilbody (Great Britain)
4. Jeff Fenech (Australia)
5. Francis Musankabala (Zambia)
6. Peter Harris (Great Britain)
7. Roy Webb (Great Britain)
8. Billy Hardy (Great Britain)
9. Cuban Businge (Uganda)
10. Mike Irungu (Kenya)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Richard Clarke (Jamaica)
1. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
2. Steve Muchoki (Kenya)
3. Wayne Mulholland (Australia)
4. Junior Thompson (Australia)
5. Dave McAuley (Great Britain)
6. James Njorge (Kenya)
7. Albert Musankabala (Zambia)
8. Gabriel Kuphey (Ghana)
9. Peter Mitrevski (Australia)
10. Simon Mlundwa (Tanzania)

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

▶**EBBW VALE—Leisure Centre**—Robert Dickie, 124½, Swansea, kept his British featherweight title by knocking out former champion Steve Sims, 126, Newport. Sims was floored two seconds before the end of round five in a scheduled 12. The count continued, and although Sims struggled to rise, he couldn't make it. A left to the body did the trick. John Coyle, referee.

Andrew Williams, Garndiffaith, retained his Welsh lightweight title by outpointing Keith Parry, Sansea, 10. Referee Adrian Morgan scored it 98-96½. Williams was down twice, and Parry once. the latter did well in only his seventh bout.

Paul (brother of Keith) Parry, 123, Swansea, stopped Geoff Sillitoe, 128, Swansea, referee Mike Petherwick (trialist) intervening in round two of a scheduled six twos when debutant Sillitoe's right eye was practically closed.

Debutant Kelvin Mortimer, 141½, Trebanog, stopped Tyrell Wilson, 142, Newport, referee Wynford Jones interveneing in round five of a scheduled six twos after wilson had been floored. He got up and protested vigorously.

Nigel Haddock, 126½, Llanelli, stopped Tony Rahman, 128, Cardiff, referee Jones stopping the bout in round two of a scheduled six twos. Rahman went down from a right hand, rose at six unsteadily, and was taken to his corner.

Steve James, 127½, Troedyrhiw, won every round in outpointing Dean Bramhald, who came in as a sub, 131, Doncaster, referee Morgan scoring it 80-76 after eight twos. (07-30-86)

▶**LONDON—Ealing Northern Sports Centre**—Karl Barwise, 165, Tootin, stopped Dennis O'Brien, 166, Hanwell referee Roland Dakin intervening at 2:16 of round two in a scheduled six after O'Brien had been down. The latter had been inactive for nearly a year.

Trevor Smith, 148, Harlow, stopped Claude Rossi, 149, Derby, referee Dakin calling a halt at 1:40 of round one in a scheduled six twos after Rossi had been down from a left hook.

Debutant Way·e Weekes, 130, Aldgate, stopped Albert Masih, 132, Southall, referee Tony Walker intervening at 1:45 of round five with Masih under pressure.

Andy Till, 154, made a fine debut by stopping Peter Vance, also 154, Derby, referee Dakin halting matters at 0:39 of the sixth and final round after Vance had been down.

Ian Whitehead, 172, Derby, outpointed Peter Gager, also 172, Enfield, referee Walker casting it a narrow 59½-59 after six twos.

Nigel Lawrence, 128, Battersea, drew with Mark Millington, 130, Aldgate, over six twos. An excellent bout that brought nobbins. (09-01-86)

▶**LONDON—Dulwich Baths**—Wally Reynolds, 151¾, Birmingham, son of former champion Wally Swift, looked good in outpointing more experienced Steve Elwood, 152½, Camberwell, referee Roy Francis scoring it 79½-77½ after eight. Toe-to-toe, and nobbins came in afterwards. Elwood was marked by the left eye and floored in round six.

Winston Wray, 157, Manchester, stopped debutant Johnny Melfah, 160½, Gloucester, referee Francis intervening at 1:36 of round three in a scheduled eight when Melfah was cut by the right eye. Wray was down early in the third, and he too was cut by the left eye; but Jonny's injury was worse.

Andrew Prescod, 138, Wandsworth, outpointed debutant Lee West, 137½, over six twos, referee Walker casting it a narrow 59-58½. West was down three times.

Tim Driscoll, 127¾, Bermondsey, stopped Andy Pybus, 131, Birmingham, referee Francis stopping the action at 0:25 of round four in a scheduled six twos with Pybus under pressure. Pybus was floored at the end of round three, but got up at six. It was Driscoll's paid debut.

Mark Dinnage, 128, Eltham, stopped Jess Rumden, 138, Plymouth, referee Walker intervening at 1:42 of round three in a scheduled six twos after Rumden had been down.

W.O. Wilson, 160¼, Lewisham, outpointed Fred James, 168, Ealing, referee Walker casting it a narrow 59-58½ after six twos.

Roddy Maxwell, 161½, outpointed Darren Burford, 168½, referee Walker scoring it 59½-58 after six twos. Maxwell was floored briefly in round five. (09-08-86)

▶**LONDON—Merton Civic Hall**—Andrew Furlong, 135¾, Fulham, outpointed Les Remekie, 136½, Croydon, referee Sid Nathan's card showing 79-78 after eight twos. Furlong was down briefly from a right hand at the end of the opening round.

Lou Gent, 179½, Streatham, stopped Chris Devine, 187, Chesterfield, referee Nathan intervening at 0:50 of round six in a scheduled eight twos after Devine had been down twice.

Steve Davies, 155½, Pembroke, outpointed Newton Barnett, 154¾, referee Nathan casting it 79-78 after eight twos.

Andy Wright, 163, Tooting, kayoed Kevin Roper, 168, Swansea, in round two of a scheduled six twos. Jack Snipe, referee. Roper came in as a sub, it was also his pro debut.

Kevin Spratt, 138, Bradford, drew with A.M. Milton, 134½, Streatham, over six twos. Jack Snipe, referee.

Nigel Senior, 131, Nottingham, outpointed Garry King, 126, referee Snipe scoring it 60-58 after six twos, indicating Senior hadn't lost a round. (09-04-86)

RON OLVER

JAPANESE RATINGS
BY THE JAPANESE BOXING COMMISSION
(As of September 17, 1986)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Masaharu Ohwada
1. Tadashi Maruo
2. Mugen Kawasaka
3. Shinji Tojyo
4. Mitsuo Hatano
5. Hidenobu Sasaki
6. Hiroshi Izumitani
7. Toshinori Matsuyanagi

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Carlos Elliot
1. Kenji Kubo
2. Tetsuya Manaka

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Fujio Ozaki
1. Eiji Kimura
2. Nobuyuki Tabata
3. Tricky Kawaguchi
4. Yoshiyuki Mizoguchi
5. Ryo Aska
6. Hideki Kanashiro
7. Akinori Yoshida
8. Hideo Kanenami

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Akinobu Hiranaka
1. Eiji Kikuzaki
2. Hikaru Tomonari
3. Masahiro Tanabu
4. Hironobu Kosigo
5. Makoto Ito
6. Yoshifumi Kitajima
7. Minoru Kujo
8. Tatsuzo Niyama
9. Naoki Ito
10. Katsunori Hokama

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Cheyenne Yamamoto
1. Shark Ishihara
2. Junichi Misawa
3. Iwao Ohtomo
4. Tatsuo Tanigami
5. Hiroaki Motohashi
6. Tatsunari Hisahiro
7. Katsumi Nonoguchi

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenyu Tanaka
1. Tiger Michigami
2. Eiji Okita
3. Kimio Saotome
4. Yoshitatsu Nakazato
5. Wolf Sato
6. Naoyuki Iramina
7. Koki Higashi
8. Shinji Kobayashi
9. Blues Kyoda
10. Kazushi Maehara

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eijiro Kuruma
1. Masahiro Takagi
2. Mitsuru Sugiya
3. Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo
4. Mark Horigoshi
5. Masayoshi Matsuura
6. Keishi Tomonaga
7. Yoshiteru Uegaki
8. Toshimitsu Ano
9. Fusao Imai
10. Yasuo Kamiide

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Takuya Muguruma
1. Kenji Iizumi
2. Yoshiyuki Nomaguchi
3. Kazuo Arashi
4. Michio Kawakami
5. Takshi Komori
6. Yukihiro Kimura
7. Takahiro Oda
8. Shinji Ogawa
9. Masayuki Takamoto
10. Rambo Taira

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Mitsuo Imazato
1. Tadashi Shimabukuro
2. Kazuto Kurahashi
3. Naoto Takahashi
4. Hiroshi Yamamoto
5. Norio Hasegawa
6. Keiichi Ozaki
7. Shigenobu Nakamasa
8. Hideki Kanai
9. Masakatsu Sakuma
10. Tomoaki Kobayashi

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Koichi Sugimoto
WR. Jiro Watanabe
1. Kiyoshi Hatanaka
2. Kentoku Nakama
3. Kazuo Katsuma
4. Yoshiyuki Uchida
5. Tadashi Maruo
6. Shunichi Nakajima
7. Mitsuru Arasaki
8. Hiroaki Kato
9. Hiroaki Kanaya

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Koji Nishikawa
WR. Shuichi Hozumi
WR. Hideaki Kamishiro
1. Leopard Tamakuma
2. Masayuki Takahashi
3. Kenji Yokozawa
4. Kenji Matsumura
5. Teruaki Miyazato
6. Masato Tanaka
7. Taiichi Ishitani
8. Makoto Sawamura

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hideyuki Ohashi
WR. Seiji Tomari
WR. Sendai Monteal
WR. Tomohiro Kiyuna
1. Yukinari Ohshiro
2. Yoshiaki Nojima
3. Hiroyuki Miyata
4. Katsumi Komiyama
5. Yasutaka Sakurai
6. Masaru Yoshimoto
7. Masakatsu Aikata
8. Tstsuya Yamada

MINI FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Kenji Ono
1. Norikazu Kawana
2. Missile Kudo
3. Akira Kiyono
4. Yasuo Yogi

ORIENT

INDONESIA

▶DJAKARTA—Francisco Lisboa, the OPBF's second ranked junior middleweight, pounded out a unanimous decision over Tricky Kawaguchi, Japan, 10.
(04-20-86)

▶SURABAJA—Gajayana Malang Stadium Korean Ki-Yul Kang retained his OPBF bantamweight title with a split decision over local favorite Nurhuda, 12.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita (Japan), 117-116; Kang; judge Jae-Keun Kim (Korea), 118-115, Kang; judge Hakim B. Jafar (Indonesia), 114-113, Nurhuda.

The Indonesian was given the opportunity to fight Kang for the OPBF title again. But Nurhuda was knocked out in five rounds on July 27.

Little Holmes, a strong Indonesian, decisioned top Thai contender Sombunyod Singsamang, 10.
(06-22-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

JAPAN

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall Hideyuki Ohashi, 107½, won the vacant Japanese junior flyweight title with a close but popular unanimous decision over ex-champ Yoshiaki Nojima, also 107½, 10. Ohashi, a youngster, nailed the veteran with a flurry of punches in the last round, which carried him to a close victory. Scoring: referee Masakazu Uchida, 99-96, judge Kazunobu Asao, 97-96; judge Shoji Nakamori, 98-96 (identical with *The Ring* score). Ohashi, a vaunted puncher, is now 5-1 with four kayoes. Nojima is 18-10-4 with two kayoes.

In the semi-final 10, Wolf Sato, the JBC's third ranked junior lightweight at 129¾, was TKO'd by Kimio Saotome, a rough-and-tumble brawler, at 129½, at 2:50 of the fifth round.

Toyokazu Sekito, 120½, ran his log to 7-2 with seven knockouts by stopping Kazuyuki Funabashi, 121½, at 2:27 of the third session in a scheduled six.

World Sports Promotions.
(06-23-86)

▶TOKYO-Korakuen Hall—Former national champ Hikaru Tomonari, 140, exploded with a straight right and finished lefty Minoru Kudo, 139½, at 2:04 of the second session in a scheduled 10.

Tomonari is now 27-9-1 with 15 kayoes. Kujo fell to 11-8 with six kayoes. the first round in a scheduled eight.

Sensational rookie Kengo Fukuda, 122, scored his fifth kayo in as many fights, stopping Ryosei Takatsuka, 120½, at 2:03 of the opening session.
(06-26-86)

▶HIROSHIMA—Prefectural Gymnasium Shinji Ogawa, this year's *Shinjin-o* (Novice King) tourney winner, 121½, caught Rambo Taira, also 121½, and finished him at 2:40 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.
(06-30-86)

▶TOKYO-Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten prospect, Seiji Hatanaka, 116¼, Nagoya came up to Tokyo and showed his cleverness in decisioning ex-champ Tadashi Maruo, 116½, 10.

Hatanaka, now 10-0 with five kayoes, won the All-Japan final of the *Shinjin-o* tourney last March. Maruo, 12-6 with 10 kayoes, failed to catch the crafty rookie.

Scoring: referee Ken Morita, 97-97; judge Takeo Ugo, 99-97; judge Shoji Nakamori, 98-96. *The Ring* tabbed it 99-96, Hatanaka.

In the semi-final eight, Bruce Kyoda, 129½, came off the canvas in the first round and halted Hogan Noguchi, 129½, at 2:48 of the sixth round.
(07-14-86)

▶OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink—Koichi Sugimoto, an underdog at 115, amazed the crowd with a one-punch kayo over Kazuo Catsuma, also 115, to win the Japanese junior bantamweight title in a scheduled 10. Sugimoto's right cross was the haymaker. The time was 0:37 of the third round.

Sugimoto is now 11-4-1 with three kayoes. Katsuma fell to 18-11-1 with 14 knockouts. Ryoji Kashiwagi refereed.

Naoyuki Iramina, 133, outscored Tatsuo Tanigami, 129¾, via a nearly shutout decision (100-96, 99-93 and 98-95) 10. Iramina, a tough battler, is now 8-1-2 with three kayoes.
(07-19-86)

▶OKAZAKI—Ryubigaoka Arena—Fukuichi Ota, 121¼, drew with Takao Suzuki, 121½, Koji Kitamura, 128½, drew with Tetsuya Kase, 127, 6.
(07-19-86)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Jack Dempsey once advised making six or eight-round main events in order to have more bouts and/or shorter programs. Fuji TV and Misako Promotions put the idea into practice. It was called the "'A' Class Tournaments," featuring six-round fights by six boxers in each non-junior class. The contestants all ranked by the Japanese Boxing Commission. The tourney, welcomed by fans, appeared very successful.

The results of the semi-finals were as follows:

Kenji Yokozawa, 107¼, decisioned lefty Norikazu Kawana, 108, eight.

Hiroyuki Miyata, 108, eked out a close decision over Masaru Yoshimoto, also 108, eight. Miyata is now 10-1-1 with four knockouts.

Leopard Tamakuma, a tall lefty at 112, dropped rugged puncher Shunichi Nakajima, also 112, and won a shutout verdict six. Tamakuma, the JBC's second ranked flyweight, is now 14-3 with four kayoes.

Unbeatedn prospectr Naoto Takahashi, 117¾, landed a beautiful left hook on Norio Hasegawa, 118, and knocked him out in 2:15 of the second round in a scheduled six. Takahashi, the JBC's third ranked bantam, won the "Best *Shinjin-o* Prize" last March. He is now 9-0 with six kayoes.

Masahiro Takagi, 126, won a unanimous nod over lefty Keiji Tomonaga, also 126, six. Takagi, the JBC's top junior feather contender, will be a good opponent for national champ Takuya Muguruma.

In a supporting four, sensational Kengo Fukuda, 122, ran his unblemished log to 6-0 with kayoes by halting Ryutaro Ueda, 122, at 2:43 of the second round.
(07-23-86)

▶MATSUYAMA—Ehime Prefectural Gymnasium—Mitsunobu Goda, 126, connected with a good shot to the chin following some body punches to stop Taichi Okada, 125½, at 1:28 of the fifth round in a scheduled eight.
Goda is now 6-0-1 with five knockouts.

Kenji Kubo, 148½, drew with Hideo Kinnami, 149, eight.

Masakatsu Aikata, 119, stopped Toashiaki Okutani, 118½, at 1:21 of the first round in a scheduled eight.
(07-27-86)

▶TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Masaharu Owada, a lantern jawed speedster at 157, annexed the Japanese middleweight crown with a unanimous decision over Mugen Kawasaka, also 157, 10.

It was a rematch, Owada having scored an upset kayo of Kawasaka in a non-title go last March. The son of a black American, Masaharu made good use of his left hand and foot to pile up the points. Scoring: referee Tezaki, 99-96; judge Kanaya, 98-97; judge Asao, 99-97-all for the challenger.

Owada is now 11-10-1 with nine kayoes. Kawasaga, a short and stocky puncher, impaired to 16-8 with 13 knockouts.

▶TOKYO—Korakuen In the semi-final 10, Roberto (Chiba) Arredondo, 129, scored a fine knockout over Shinji Kobayashi, 129, in 1:54 of the fifth round. This was Roberto's eighth win, including seven kayoes, against five losses.
(08-11-86)

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(08-21-86)

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(08-23-86)

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In the 10-round semi-final, Yukihiro Kimura, the JBC's seventh ranked junior featherweight, 122¼, swarmed over Filipino Rocky Rota, 122½, for a knockout at 1:16 of the seventh round.

During the recess after the sixth round, Rocky had a verbal dispute with his cornerman. When the bell for the seventh sounded, the Filipino was on his way out of the ring. Ref Tezaki counted to nine while the second was pushing him back into the squared circle. Rocky then resumed fighting, but was hit by some big punches; he was counted out along the ropes. It was a furious fight, with both men hitting the deck in the second round.
(08-26-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—The A-Class Prize Tourney semi-finals:

Junichi Misawa, 135, was held to a controversial draw Iwao Otomo, 134½, six. Misawa was entitled to proceed to the finals, month due to the referee's decision.

Eiji Kikusaki, the JBC's top junior welterweight contender, 145¼, had a very tough time, but finally caught much taller Yoshiyuki Mizoguchi, 147, and stopped him at 1:47 of the fourth round in a scheduled six. Kikusaki, now 14-0-1 with 12 kayoes, has still not learned how to defend himself. Mizoguchi, a six footer, is now 8-2 with five kayoes.

Tiger Michigami, a very short infighter, 134, exploded with a wicked left hook to kayo Hiroaki Motohashi, 135, in 1:30 of the third round in their scheduled six. Motohashi, 10-3 with five kayoes, was carreid out on a stretcher, but regained his consciousness in the dressing room. Tiger is now 13-5 with 11 kayoes.

Veteran Hikaru Tomonari, 147, landed a vicious uppercut to finish Masatoshi Takeshi, also 147, in 1:15 of the fourth round in their scheduled six. Tomonari is now 28-9-1 with 16 kayoes.

Yasutaka Sakurai, a former amateur ring star, 110, won a hairline decision over Masaru Yoshimoto, 110¼, six. Yoshimoto, the JBC's fourth ranked junior fly weight, failed to catch his elusive foe Sakurai is now 2-0, but lacks convincing power.
(08-28-86)

▶**TSUCHIURA—Sports Center**—Wolf Sato, 129, the Japanese Commission's sixth ranked junior lightweight, kayoed Kazushi Maehara, a glass jawed puncher, also 129, at 1:35 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10 before his hometown crowd.

Yoshifumi Kitajima, 144¼, outscored Hiroyuki Takeuchi, 143, eight. Yoshihiro Yamaguchi, 113, finished Katsunori Iwatani, 112½, at 1:31 of the fifth round in a scheduled six.

Four rounders: Yoshio Kobayashi,, 122, stopped Tomio Shibata, 121½, at 2:15 of the second round. Keizo Takabori, 108, won from Harumasa Ikeda, 107¾. Hitoshi Kamiyama, 146¾, outscored Akio Osuga, 145½. Akihiro Hino, 130¾, finished Mitsuhiko Ota, 132½, at 1:20 of the second. Masahiro Ishikawa, 119¼, halted Shinichi Suzuki, 121½, at 2:18 of the second. Akihide Kamata, 111, stopped Masataka Kadowaki, 110¼, at 1:41 of the second.

Attendance—1,200. No telecast.
(09-06-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Hirohiko Yabuki, 118, fought to a draw with Koheita Tanaka, a wild swinging puncher, also 118, eight.

Four rounders: Susumu Uchida, 115, outscored Masatake Kabutosaka, also 115. Tsutomu Tokashiki, younger brother of ex-WBA junior flyweight champ Katsuo Tokashiki, 115, won from So Takeda, 114. Yutaka Okano, 121, outscored Yasuhide Mihara, 121¼, in the opener.

Attendance—2,280. No telecast.
(09-06-86)

▶**OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium**—Akihiko Kawamura, 133¾, stopped Masataka Kawaguchi, 134, at 1:17 of the fourth and final round.

This card consisted of 13 four-round fights.

Jiro Kashiwabara, 133¾, kayoed Noriyuki Abe, 134¼, in 2:25 of the second round. Yasumitsu Daikoku, 129¼, won from Masayoshi Omori, 129¼. Masashi Nishida, 129½, TKO'd Takehito Nakano, 129¼, at 1:40 of the third canto. Taishi Saito, 125, outscored Yasukazu Yasui, 124¾. Seiji Asakawa, 125½, won from Shigeyo Kurosawa, 125½. Tamotsu Hattori, 117½, decisioned Takuji Hijiri, 117¾. Masaharu Fukuyama, 121, outpointed Tatsuya Kumano, 121¼. Takashi Morishita, 114¾, won from Naoshi Yamamoto, 114. Yukinobu Hayashino, 111¾, outscored Naruhito Matsuo, 110¾. Takeshi Maeda, 111¾, drew with Akira Hamada, 111¾. Toshihiko Tsuji, 107½, was awarded a split decision over Tatenao Kamioka, 106½. Nao Tokushima, 107, outscored Hiroshi Shishido, 106.
(09-07-86)

▶**MATSUMOTO—City Gymnasium**—Japanese flyweight champ Koji Nishikawa, 111¼, utilized his southpaw style, dropped Masato Tanaka, also 111¼, thrice, and won a onesided decision, 10.

Nishikawa thus made his second defense since winning the national title by beating Yoshiyuki Uchikoshi via kayo in an eliminator. Nishikawa, piloted by Hitoshi Misako, is now 15-4-1 with seven kayoes. Tanaka, a year his senior, impaired to 6-9 with four knockouts.

Tatsuo Tanigami, 132¼, defeated Naoyuki Iramina, 132¾, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Lefty Masayuki Takahashi, 111½, outscored Kinya Nakamura, 112, eight.

Shin-Nippon Kimura Promotions. No telecast.
(09-13-86)

▶**OSAKA—Sakuranomiya Skating Rink**—Unbeaten prospects who won the All Japan Novice King tourney won in scheduled 10-round bouts.

Katsumi Komiyama, 107½, mixed it up aggressively and defeated Missile Kudo, 107, by a unanimous decision, 10. Scoring: referee Fujita, 99-92; judge Kashiwagi, 99-93; judge Matsumoto, 98-93—all for the short speedster.

Komiyama is now 8-0-2 with two kayoes. Kudo fell to 9-8-1 with three knockouts.

Hironobu Ogiso, the JBC's sixth ranked junior welterweight, 140, floored veteran Minoru Kujo, also 140, with wicked body shots thrice, and finished him at 1:55 of the first round in the semi-final 10. Ogiso, a six footer, is now 7-0 with six kayoes. He looks promising. Kujo, a lefty, dropped to 11-9 with six knockouts.

Southpaw Tetsuya Kase, 123¾, won a split decision over Takeo Takahashi, 122, eight.

Yatsuya Yamada, 112, decisioned Takashi Hirata, 111½, six.

Four rounders: Kyoji Hirata, 129½, outpointed Katsumi Nakanishi, 129½. Toshikatsu Koma, 107¼, won a decision over Kunito Yanase, 107, after each hit the deck twice in the opener.

Attendance—550. No telecast.

Harada Boxing Club.
(09-14-86)

▶**TOKYO—Korakuen Hall**—Unbeaten Eiji Kimura, 149¾, took a close but unanimous decision over less experienced Kenji Kubo, 149, 10.

Scoring: referee Shimakawa, 99-96; judges Nakamori and Ugo, both 98-97—all for Kimura. The winner boosted his log to 15-0-1 with 11 kayoes, but it was one of his poorest showings. Kubo, from Osaka, piloted by Apollo Yoshio, outjabbed the slower Kimura in the early rounds, but fell to 3-3-1 with two kayoes.

Yasuo Jinde, 127½, was awarded a TKO win over Iwao Takanami, 128, at 2:10 of the second round in a scheduled eight. The stoppage was unique. Takanami collapsed after a collision of heads. Referee Nakamori stopped the proceedings and gave him a five-minute rest. But Takanami, still wobbly, was unable to continue, and his cornerman tossed in the sponge.

Jinde is now 8-1-2 with seven kayoes.

Four rounders: Toshiyuki Kishi, 122, stopped Hirokazu Sekine, also 122, at 0:49 of the first round. The Takashi, 123½, finished Satoshi Koga, 126, at 1:38 of the second session. Masayuki Gibo, 140, outpointed Yoshiharu Kurono, also 140. Satohiko Yano, 126½, decisioned Nobuyuki Tokuda, 125¾. Katsumi Koshiba, 134, stopped Yoshihide Tobita, 135, at 2:54 of the fourth and final session. Toshio Ozawa, 107¾, won from Yuji Hashimoto, 107½.

Attendance—1,600. No telecast.

Rocky Promotions.
(09-19-86)

JOE KOIZUMI

KOREA

▶**BUCHUN**—Former OPBF junior bantamweight champ Tae-Il Chang, 116¾, made a fine comeback by flattening Indonesian Wongso Indrajit, 116½, in 2:05 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Tae-Il, a tall lefty, landed a wicked one-two to finish the WBA's eighth ranked 115-pounder.

Chang is now 18-2-1. Wongso is 16-5-3 with six kayoes.

Korean junior welterweight champ Chong-Hak Lee, 139¾, kept his title by decisioning Woo Hwang, 139½, ten. Lee, 16-5-4 with four kayoes, thus tabbed his third defense. Hwang is 16-4-6 with eight knockouts.

Palpal Promotions.
(05-31-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Rod Sequenan, the OPBF junior lightweight champ, is known for his furious but unsuccessful crack at the IBF world crown then held by Aussie Lester Ellis.

Sequenan, 129½, lost his throne to Sung-Yun Kim, 129¾, via a 12-round split decision. Kim, a typical Korean infighter, looked the obvious winner due to his aggressiveness. Sequenan caught plenty of wild rights in the mix-ups.

Scoring: referee Sattaprechit (Thailand), 118-113; judge Jin-Kuk Kim (Korea), 118-114, both for judge Lope Sarreal, Jr. (Philippines), 117-115, for Rod.
(06-01-86)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Ji-Won Kim, the IBF junior feather-weight champion, came off the canvas in the first round, and disposed of Filipino Rudy Casicas, 120¾, at 1:45 of the second round in a scheduled 15. It was the short southpaw's fourth defense since dethroning compatriot Sung-In Suh via the kayo route.

Kim is now 16-0-2 with seven kayoes. Rudy, 18-4 with six kayoes, zoomed up to the fifth spot in the IBF rankings thanks to his upset kayo over the highly regarded Seung-Hoon Lee.

Soon-Jun Kang, 111¾, won the Korean flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Houn-Kuk Chae, the previously unbeaten champ at 111½, ten. Kang, a veteran puncher, is now 22-7-1 with two kayoes. Chae fell to 12-1-2 with three knockouts.

Saeki Promotions.
(06-01-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Bong-Chul Kim, 159¾, became the new Korean middleweight kingpin with a unanimous decision over Chong-Bae Chang, 159½, ten.

Kim is now 7-3-1 with three kayoes. Chang fell to 8-5-1 with five knockouts. (Korean junior lightweight boss Hang Park, 130, barely kept his crown as he was held to a draw by Oh-Kyu Chang, 129¾, 10. Chang is now 14-4-3 with four kayoes. The lucky champ is 18-4-1 with six knockouts.
(06-08-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Dong-Chun Lee, the WBC's fourth ranked superflyweight at 116¾, showed his vaunted aggressiveness in copping a unanimous decision over Filipino Edel Geronimo, 115¾, 10.

Edel's durability won the praise of the Korean crowd.

Dong-Chun, previously kayoed by WBA champ Kaosai Galaxy, is now 25-6-1 with 11 kayoes. Geronimo, the IBF's eighth ranked flyweight, is 24-3-5 with eight knockouts.

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Waryong Promotions.
(06-15-86)

▶**GUNSAN—Girls' Commercial School**—Cho-Woon Park, the OPBF junior flyweight champ at 108, solid body shots and demolished Junior Thompson, the Australian titlist, also 108, at 2:54 of the third round in a scheduled 12.

Park, a slow but accurate puncher, is now 16-1-1 with four kayoes. Thompson fell to 9-3-1.

Chil-Sung Chun, 132¼, the former amateur ring star, won his second pro fight by stopping Ok-Young Kim, also 132¼, at 2:05 of the second session in the semi-final 10.

Palpal Promotions.
(06-28-86)

▶**POHANG—Pohang Indoor Gymnasium**—Korean kayo a artist In-Chul Baek, 154, looked to have lost his usual zip, due to a severe reduction in weight, and barely retained his OPBF junior middleweight title with a split decision over ex-Korean boss Sang-Do Chung, 153¾, 12.

Baek took the first five rounds, but faded quickly.

Chung fought back hard, but not enough to overcome his previous point deficits. In-Chul, a sturdy puncher ranked fourth by the WBC, is now 37-1 with 35 kayoes. His last two fights have gone the distance—via split decisions. Chung is 10-2-2 with three kayoes.

World Promotions.
(06-28-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Kang Choi, 136¾, decisioned Min-Chul Cho, also 136¾, six.

Chung-Man Park, 124, outscored Ki-Yong Choi, 125¾, six.
(06-29-86)

▶**EIRI—Eiri Industrial Gymnasium**—Oh-Kong Son, the WBC's 18th ranked light flyweight at 114½, was befuddled by the fast footwork of Filipino Louie Gonzales, 114. His aggression carried the Korean to a unanimous decision, 10.

Son, previously rated highly by the WBA and WBC, is now 21-3 with 10 kayoes. Louie fell to 11-3-2 with one kayo.

Kwon-Hyung Nah, 117, stopped Chang-Woo Lee, 119, at 0:35 of the tenth and final round. Nah, the KBC's eighth ranked junior bantamweight, is now 9-4-1 with one kayo.
(07-05-86)

▶**CHINJU—Chinju Indoor Gymnasium**—Chong-Pal Park, the IBF super middleweight champion at 167¾, kept his crown but failed to win the praises of the partisan crowd as he was held to a technical draw by Lindell Holmes, U.S., 166¼, at 1:17 of the second round in a scheduled 15. It was Park's fourth defense since the IBF crown.

During the first round, both boxers probed with stinging lefts. An accidental butt then left the Korean's left eye bleeding so profusely that the ring doctor declared him unable to continue.

After the first round, the judges scored as follows: Bob Watson (US) and Thomas Evelest (Philippines) both 10-9 for Park; and Jin-Kuk Kim (Korea), 10-10. James Reilly (U.S.), referee.

Bill Brenan was the IBF witness.

Prk received an estimated $55,000, Holmes $30,000.

Wang-Sup Lee, the KBC's seventh ranked middleweight at 162, ran his log to 6-0-1 with four kayoes by stopping Soo-Hang Lee, ex-OPBF light heavyweight champ, 161½, in a scheduled 10. Lee is 6-0-1 with four kayoes.
(07-06-86)

▶**SOKCHO—High School Gymnasium**—Rising Chun Huh, the WBC's 20th ranked light flyweight at 113½, defeated Filipino Rolando Bohol, 113, by a unanimous decision, 10.

Chun, a 5'8" boxer, is now 16-1 with ten kayoes. Bohol is 15-2-2 with two knockouts.

Yung-Bae Lee, 159, finished Kwang-Soo Kim, 160, at 2:59 of the sixth round in the semi-final 10.

Ilhwa Promotions.
(07-20-86)

▶**OHSAN—Ohsan Public Arena**—Ki-Chang Kim, the OPBF junior bantamweight champ at 114½, scored his first defense as he polished off Thai champ Singnoi Singkrungthon, 113½, at 1:27 of first round in a scheduled 12. In 87 seconds, the Korean dropped the Thai three times with solid rights.

Kim, now 12-4-4 with seven kayoes, had acquired the OPBF crown by stopping then champ Petchngam Chuvatana in Thailand. Singkrungthon fell to 24-4-1 with 16 kayoes. Hiroyuki Tezaki, Japan, refereed.

Chil-Sung Chun, 132¼, made it 3-0 with as many kayoes by disposing of Thongberm Lukmaturee, a gutsy Thai at 132¼, at 1:36 of the third round in the semi-final 10.

Chil-Sung was the bronze medalist in the Los Angeles Olympic Games; he was decisioned by lefty stylist Pernell Whitaker in the lightweight semi-finals. Chun is now the KBC's top ranked junior welterweight contender. Lukmaturee is 23-4 with 18 kayoes.

Palpal Promotions.
(07-26-86)

▶**CHUNJU Gymnasium**—Jun-Sok Hwang, the OPBF welterweight champ ranked fourth by the WBC, 146½, missed plenty, but eventually caught Filipino challenger Rolando Aldemir, 145½, with a roundhouse right hook and sank him for the countr in 3:04 of the ninth round in a scheduled 12.

Hwang kept his title, but proved a notoriously slow starter. Jun-Sok, the sole profighter to have dropped Don Curry, is now 34-2 with 23 kayoes. Aldemir is 17-7-5 with 11 stoppages.

In a companion non-title bout, In-Chul Baek, the junior middleweight kingpin of the OPBF, 160¼, proved too powerful for ex-Korean champ Chun-Hwan Noh, 160, halting him at 1:36 of the fith round in a scheduled 10.

Baek is said to have problems making the 154-pound limit, so this was a tune-up for a move into the 160-pound division in the near future. He moved sharply and was devastating with his punches.

In-Chul downed Noh to the ropes in the fourth and fifth rounds before flooring him for the count with a wicked right uppercut.

Baek is now 38-1 with 36 knockouts. Noh fell to 7-8-1 with two kayoes.

Dong-A Promotions.
(07-27-86)

▶**HONGCHON**—OPBF bantamweight champ Ki-Youl Kang, 117½, the WBC's seventh ranked contender, responded to a second challenge from Indonesian Nurhuda, 118, and disposed of him at 2:18 of the fith round in a scheduled 12.

Kang, a stocky puncher, is now 18-2-1 with 13 kayoes. Nurhuda fell to 8-2.

Korean welterweight champ Yung-Kil Chung, 147, retained his national crown by finishing Young-Chul Park, also 147, at 0:49 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Chung is now 18-3-2 with 12 kayoes. Park is 9-1 with three knockouts.
(07-27-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Rae-Ki Ahn, 114, the WBC's fourth ranked flyweight, stopped Thai Petchainat Donjadee, 113½, at 1:30 of the fourth canto in a scheduled 10.

Ahn stalked the lanky Thai from the outset. He caught Donhjadee with wicked body shots and dropped him for the count.

Ahn is now 19-2-3 with 10 kayoes. Donjadee, the OPBF's fourth ranked junior flyweight, is 13-5 with six knockouts.

Tae-Wang Kang, 141¼, outscored Duk-Bong Kim, 140¾, eight.

Waryong Promotions.
(08-01-86)

▶**INCHON—Inchon Indoor Gymnasium**—Hi-Sup Shin, the OPBF champ, took the IBF world flyweight crown by stopping defending champ Bi-Won Chung at 1:20 of the 15th and final round. They both weighed in at the 112-pound limit.

Shin is now 36-2-1 with 20 kayoes. Chung fell to 19-5-2 with four knockouts.

In the semi-final, Byung-Kwan Chung, 114½, won the vacant Korean junior bantamweight title by outscoring Yun-Ho Park, 114¼, 10. Chung is now 10-4-2 with two kayoes. Park is 16-11-5 with four stoppages.

World Promotions.
(08-02-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Former OPBF junior bantamweight champ Tae-Il Chang, 116¾, on the comeback trail, stopped Thai Nongberd Naphataya, 115¼, at 1:45 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Tae-Il was scheduled to have a crack at the WBC throne, then held by Jiro Watanabe, last December. But he suffered a liver ailment and was replaced by stablemate Sok-Hwan Yun, who was kayoed by Watanabe. Chang, a tall lefty boxer, landed a strong body shot, and the Thai collapsed in agony. Tae-Il is now 18-1-1 with seven kayoes. Nongberd fell to 16-4-1 with three knockouts.

In the semi-final 10, Chong-Hak Lee, 139¾, kept his Korean junior welterweight title by finishing Ki-Jung Park, 138¾, at 0:15 of the fifth session. Lee is now 17-5-3 with four kayoes. Park is 9-2-1 with one knockout.

Palpal Promotions.
(08-03-86)

▶**SUWON—Suwon Gymnasium**—Jae-Hyun Yuh, 153, recaptured the Korean junior middleweight crown by finishing Dae-Kyun Kim, 152¾, at 0:25 of the second round in a scheduled 10.

Yuh, the WBC's 23rd contender, is now 27-4 with 24 kayoes. Kim is 3-9-1 with one knockout.

In the semi-final, Heung-Suk Yuh, formerly ranked 10th by the WBA, 136¾, was held to a draw by Kyung-Jung Lee, 136, 10. Yuh was recently discharged from military service. He is now 22-1-4 with 16 kayoes. Lee is 10-2-2 with three knockouts.

Byung-Youn Kim, 132, lost to ex-Korean junior feather champ Chan-Jung Chun, 132½, 10. Chun is 22-7-6 with 12 kayoes. Kim fell to 7-5-4 with one kayo.

Saeki Promotions.
(08-03-86)

▶**BOUN—Boun Gymnasium**—Seung-Soon Lee, the WBC's eighth ranked welter-weight, 148¾, continued his winning streak and displosed of Filipino boss Dionisio Castillo, 147¾, at 0:57 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. The Filipino was aggressive in the first round, but Lee responded with furious rallies, and his solid combos sank Castillo for the count. Lee is now 29-1 with 22 kayoes. Castillo fell to 16-5-5 with six knockouts.

Kyung-Shik Park, 147¾, TKO'd Jae-Yong Park, 148½, at 1:27 of the fifth round in the semi-final 10. The winner is now 11-4-2 with six kayoes. Jae-Yong Park, the KBC's top contender, fell to 8-4-1 with six knockouts.

Sowkang Promotions.
(08-09-86)

▶**HONGIK—Hongik University Gymnasium**—Eung-Shik Kim, former OPBF junior welterweight champ, 147¾, reappeared after a 10-month lay-off, and halted Japanese Tricky Kawaguchi, also 147¾, at 3:04 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Kim, the WBC's 14th ranked 140-pounder, is now 15-1 with 12 kayoes. Kawaguchi is 8-13.

Moon-Jin Choi, the WBC's 17th ranked light flyweight, 114¼, decisioned Hi-Suk Kim, 113¾, 10. Choi is now 23-4-2 with six kayoes. Kim is 18-3-3 with six knockouts.

Dong-A Promotions.
(08-10-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Fast-rising Sung-Yun Kim, the OPBF junior lightweight champion, 130, demolished Filipino Flash Ursus, 129, at 2:38 of the fifth round in a scheduled 12.

Kim thus retained his title for the first time since dethroning Rod Sequenan, a strong lefty, in his previous showing. Kim, ranked sixth by the WBA and the WBC, connected with fast lefts and rights to flatten the Filipino in the fatal round. Kim, a strong puncher, is now 24-4 with 12 kayoes. Ursus impaired to 42-4-4 with 11 knockouts.

Hyundai Promotions.
(08-17-86)

▶**NAMHAE—Namhae Arena**—Korean lightweight champ Kyu-Un Choi, 135, lost his title to Wan-Taek Choi, 134½, via a unanimous decision, 10. Wan-Taek, piloted by Kyu-Chul Kim, is now 15-6-2 with seven kayoes. The ex-titlist fell to 28-4 with 14 knockouts. Quite an upset.

Wonjin Promotions.
(08-23-86)

▶**SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium**—Chung-Won Chung, 134, previously ranked eighth by the WBC, made a fine comeback as he caught Filipino Jun Castillano 132¼, with lethal body shots and sank him for the count in 2:39 of the third round in a scheduled 10.

Chung, now 20-1 with 13 kayoes, suffered his only setback against Sung-Yun Kim, the current OPBF kingpin. Castillano is 8-3-1 with four kayoes.

Waryong Promotions.
(08-31-86)

▶**SOKCHO—Students Gymnasium**—Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation featherweight champion Jae-Yong Hwang, 125½, kept his crown by outpointing Young Abaloyan, 125¾, in 12.

Hwang is now 16-1 with two kayoes. Abaloyan is 19-4-3 with five knockouts.

Rising Tae-Yong Koh, 136½, halted Bong-Chun Park, 136, at 0:06 of the third round in the semi-final 10. Koh is now 10-1-3 with four kayoes. Park fell to 7-8-6 with two knockouts.

Dong-Il Promotions.
(08-31-86)

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▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Elorde Sports Complex**—Rey Arceta, 124, won a unanimous decision over Bert Pucay, also 124, 10. V. Deocariza refereed.

Flash delos Reyes, 125, scored a TKO over Anthony Paloso, 127, at 2:20 of the eighth round in the semi-final 10.

Louie Gonzales, 113½, unanimously decisioned Faustino Simbajon, also 113½, 10.

Pinoy Igor, 110, won from Robert Palerit, 111½, 10.

Jun Gavero, 121, decisioned Sammy Ansig, 119½, eight.

Promoter—Laura Elorde.

Gab witnesses-Carlos Roman, Rodrigo Perez.
(05-02-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—John Matienza, 124½, won a unanimous nod over Rudy Cabiles, 126, 10.

Bernabe Aliping, 130, was a unanimous points victor over Rocky Alapitan, 131½, 10.

Brix Rota, 126, earned a split duke over Joe Badongen, 126, eight.

Promoter—Raffy Panagan.

GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Leonardo Trinidad.
(05-03-86)

▶**VALENCIA, BUKIDNON**—Little Baguio, Filipino junior flyweight champ at 108, defeated William Belan, 108, by a unanimous decision, 12.

Ronnie Abian, 118, lost a unanimous nod to Pat Bracero, 118, 10.

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Promoter-Antonio Almirante, Jr.
(05-03-86)
▶**KAPALONG, DAVAO**—Ben Capagngan, 122, was TKO'd by Boyet Aguilar, also 122, in a scheduled 10.
Promoter-Eusebio Almario, Sr.
(05-14-86)
▶**ANGELES CITY—Nepo Coliseum**—Tacy Macalos, 108, decisioned Junior Vallon, 109, 10.
Promoter-Jesus Laxamana.
(05-16-86)
▶**PASAY-Pasay Sports Complex**—Pastor Arcaya, 113, eked out a split decision over Albert Saxon, 134, Vic Valdez refereed.
Flash Emmanuel, 122, won from Bobby Pinos, 122½, 10.
Juanito Favila, 126, stopped Leo Almosa, 123, at 1:27 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.
Felix Enero, 117, finished Ernesto Mabagsik, 115½, in the fifth session of a scheduled eight.
Eric Chavez, 123½, outscored Gil Lugban, 115½, eight.
Rodel Marano, 121, halted Romeo Olazo, 122, at 2:35 of the second canto in the first eight.
Promoter—Felixberto Jardenil.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Leonardo Trinidad.
▶**ANGELES CITY—Nepo Coliseum**—Bert Lozano, 133, won a unanimous nod over Baby Pio Kaki, 133, 10. V. Abainza refereed.
Tacy Macalos, 108, won from Junior Bailon, 109, 10.
Lions Collins, 121, fought to a technical draw with Jun Gavero, 123, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight.
Promoter—Jesus Laxamana.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Leonardo Trinidad.
(05-16-86)
▶**GAPAN, NUEVA ECIJA**—Veteran Geron Porras, 132, showed his ring experience in stopping Romy Cunanan, 133, of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Rex Rapiso, 111, halted Romy Austria, 110, at 2:55 of the opening session in the semi-final 10.
Promoter—Felipe Austria.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, voltaire Reverente.
(05-17-86)
▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Elmer Pendog, 139½, battled to a split draw with Amy Pacana, 141, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Bert Pucay, 122, stopped Willie Bernadas, 122½, at 2:29 of the second session in the semi-final 10.
Bernabe Aliping, 131, drew with Diego Lebante, also 131, 10.
Louie Ilago, 134, halted Andy Saxon, 136, in the sixth round of the first 10.
Promoter—Jose Pendog.
GAB witnesses—Vedasto C. Adriano, Carlos Dizon.
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(05-17-86)
▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Ex-Filipino champ Jun Resma, 118, stopped Edwin Projo, 115 in a scheduled 10.
Sil Arcillas, 145, lost a unanimous decision to Jun Pramos, 145, 10.
Jun Paciones, 118, outpointed Rudy Castillon, 120, 10.
Sil Sarana, 145, was stopped by Noli de Guia, 142, in a scheduled 10.
Adonis Cuarisma, 119, suffered a TKO at the hands of Rodrigo Loperez, 118, in the first 10.
Promoter—Luchie P. Alih.
(05-17-86)
▶**ANTILAO, ILOILO**—Elmer Cubillas, 119, stopped Bonnie Castillo, 118, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10.
Fernando Ayoyon, 110, halted Nelson Apura, 110, in the ninth round of their scheduled 10.
Promoter—Steve Doctora.
GAB witness—Rodrigo Perez.
(05-18-86)
▶**TAGUM, DAVAO**—Boy Romero, 142, scored a unanimous decision over Deo Rabago, also 142, 10.
Chito Adigue, 129, was surprisingly TKO'd by Rene Aroy, also 129, in the seventh round of the semi-final 10.
Former OPBF bantamweight champ Neptali Alamag, a lefty veteran at 123, was held to a majority draw by Edgar Apatan, also 123, 10.
Ric Barimbad, an old soldier at 118, took a majority decision over Tim Balantay, also 118, 10.
Edwin Inocencio, 105, suffered an upset TKO at the hands of Jun Afable, also 105, in the fourth round of the first 10. Promoter Eusebio Almario, Jr. Promoter (05-18-86)
▶**PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA**—Edel Geronimo, 114, a busy campaigner, fought to a majority draw with Constancio Dangla, 115, 10. Onofre Perez refereed.
Nilo Acido, 139, was awarded a majority decision over Ariel Duran, 139, 10.
Boy Abuela, 125, outscored Richard Agbay, 126¼, 10.
Lorenzo Orlanes, 139½, won from Rex Cabubas, 140¼, eight.
Promoter—Laura Elorde.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Benedicto Ronquillo.
(05-21-86)

▶**BOGO, CEBU**—Emiliano Alferez, 122, fought to a majority draw with Celso boy Areglo, also 122, 10.
Promoter—Roberto Edillo.
(05-24-86)
▶**KAPALONG, DAVAO**—Gil Ragas, 121, pounded out a unanimous decision over Rolando Caballero, 122, 10.
Jun Castillano, 132, stopped Joe Salas, 135, in a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Teofilo Perote.
(05-25-86)
▶**MANDALUYONG, METRO MANILA**—Flash Emmanuel, 122½, decisioned Abel Magracia, 123½, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Juanito Favila, 126, was held to a split draw by Jun tito, 128, 10.
Eric Chavez, 110½, decisioned Danny Duran, 109½, eight.
Fernando Ang, 128 knocked out Rey Milano, 127¼, in 2:05 of the sixth round in the first eight.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witnesses—Rodrigo Perez, Leonardo Trinidad.
(05-30-86)
▶**ORONQUIETA CITY**—Flash Ursus, 130, chlaked up a TKO

WORLD RATINGS
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(As of September 8, 1986)

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Champion
Michael Spinks
1. Tony Tucker (U.S.)
2. Tony Tubbs (U.S.)
3. James Broad (U.S.)
4. James Smith (U.S.)
5. Carl Williams (U.S.)
6. James Douglas (U.S.)
7. Mike Tyson (U.S.)
8. Gerry Cooney (U.S.)
9. Tyrell Biggs (U.S.)
10. Renaldo Snipes (U.S.)
11. Elijah Tillery (U.S.)
12. Steffan Tangstad (Norway)

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lee Roy Murphy (U.S.)
1. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
2. Bernard Benton (U.S.)
3. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
4. Dwight M. Qawi (U.S.)
5. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
6. Dorcey Gaymon (U.S.)
7. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
8. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
9. Henry Tillman (U.S.)
10. Bashiru Ali (U.S.)
11. Angelo Rottoli (Italy)
12. Jose Flores (Uruguay)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Bobby Czyz (U.S.)
1. John Odhiambo (Uganda)
2. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
3. Willie Edwards (U.S.)
4. Leslie Stewart (Trinidad)
5. J.B. Williamson (U.S.)
6. David Sears (U.S.)
7. Mustafa Muhammad (U.S.)
8. Grady Smith (U.S.)
9. Richard Caramonolis (France)
10. Alex Blanchard (Netherlands)
11. Jean-Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
12. Charles Williams (U.S.)

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Chong-Pal Park (Korea)
1. Lindell Holmes (U.S.)
2. Marvin Mack (U.S.)
3. Don LaLonde (Canada)
4. Mustafa Hamsho (U.S.)
5. Everett Martin (U.S.)
6. Frank Winterstein (France)
7. Errol Christie (Great Britain)
8. Luigi Minchillo (Italy)
9. Vinnie Curto (U.S.)
10. Charles Walker (U.S.)
11. Nicky Walker (U.S.)
12. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Marvin Hagler (U.S.)
1. Thomas Hearns (U.S.)
2. James Kinchen (U.S.)
3. John Mugabi (Uganda)
4. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
5. Iran Barkley (U.S.)
6. Michael Olajide (Canada)
7. Herol Graham (Great Britain)
8. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
9. Kevin Watts (U.S.)
10. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
11. Don Lee (U.S.)
12. Troy Darrell (U.S.)

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Buster Drayton
1. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
2. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
3. Carlos Santos (Puerto Rico)
4. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
5. Davey Moore (U.S.)
6. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
7. Said Skouma (France)
8. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
9. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
10. Mark Medal (U.S.)
11. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
12. John David Jackson (U.S.)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Donald Curry (U.S.)
1. Tommy Ayers (U.S.)
2. Johnny Bumphus (U.S.)
3. Marlon Starling (U.S.)
4. Maurice Blocker (U.S.)
5. Jun-Sok Hwang (Korea)
6. David Hilton (Canada)
7. Simon Brown (U.S.)
8. Lloyd Honeyghan (Great Britain)
9. Mark Breland (U.S.)
10. Yung-Kil Chung (Korea)
11. Tyrone Trice (U.S.)
12. Horace Shufford (U.S.)

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Hinton (U.S.)
1. Joe Louis Manley (U.S.)
2. Kyung-Duk Ahn (Korea)
3. Frankie Warren (U.S.)
4. Eung-Shik Kim (Korea)
5. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
6. Terry Marsh (Great Britain)
7. Akio Kameda (Japan)
8. John Meekins (U.S.)
9. Vincent Pazienza (U.S.)
10. Brian Baronet (U.S.)
11. Andy Nance (U.S.)
12. James (Buddy) McGirt (U.S.)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Jimmy Paul (U.S.)
1. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
2. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
3. Fred Pendleton (U.S.)
4. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
5. Meldrick Taylor (U.S.)
6. Terrence Alli (U.S.)
7. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
8. Nelson Bolanos (Ecuador)
9. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
10. Irleis (Cubanito) Perez (U.S.)
11. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)
12. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Barry Michael (Australia)
1. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
2. Johnny de la Rosa (U.S.)
3. Rocky Lockridge (U.S.)
4. Tomas Da Cruz (Brazil)
5. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
6. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
7. Lulu Ikeda (Japan)
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9. John Sichula (Zambia)
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2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
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JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ji-Won Kim (Korea)
1. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
2. Loris Stecca (Italy)
3. Prayurasak Muangsurin (Thailand)
4. Greg Richardson (U.S.)
5. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
6. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
7. Joo-Do Chun (Korea)
8. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
9. Yong-Woon Park (Korea)
10. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
11. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)
12. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Jeff Fenech (Australia)
1. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
2. Ki-Yul Kang (Korea)
3. Antoine Montero (France)
4. Chong-Kwan Chung (Korea)
5. Francisco Alvarez (Columbia)
6. Miguel Maturana (Columbia)
7. Kelvin Seabrooks (U.S.)
8. Jorge Diaz (U.S.)
9. Azael Moran (Panama)
10. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
11. Steve McCrory (U.S.)
12. Frankie Duarte (U.S.)

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Elly Pical (Indonesia)
1. Tae-Il Chang (Korea)
2. Soon-Chun Kwon (Korea)
3. Ki-Chang Kim (Korea)
4. Cesar Polanco (Dominican Rep.)
5. Juan Polo Perez (Columbia)
6. Alain Limarola (France)
7. Franco Cherchi (Italy)
8. Raul Diaz (Colombia)
9. Satoshi Shingaki (Japan)
10. Sugar Baby Rojas (Colombia)
11. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
12. William Ramos (Puerto Rico)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Jung-Kwan Chung (Korea)
3. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
4. Bi-Wong Chung (Korea)
5. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
6. Henry Brent (U.S.)
7. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
8. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
9. Allan Makitoki (Philippines)
10. Mikio Uchita (Japan)
11. Thanosak Singbobe (Thailand)
12. Oh-Kong Son (Korea)

JUNIOR FLYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Jun-Hwan Choi (Korea)
2. Cho-Woon Park (Korea)
3. Rodolfo Blanco (Colombia)
4. Agustin Garcia (Colombia)
5. Azadin Anhar (Indonesia)
6. Dodie Penalosa (Philippines)
7. Rex Ikeda (Japan)
8. Virgilio Chifundo (Panama)
9. Mario DeMarco (Argentina)
10. Jae-Suk Park (Korea)
11. Masaharu Kawakami (Japan)
12. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)

victory over Flor Galicia, also 130, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Ely Clamohoy, 118, fought to a split draw with Pat Bracdro, also 118, 10.
Joy Molina, 109, drew with Bonifacio Bahian, also 109, 10.
Promoter—Roy Yabut.
(05-31-86)

▶**BAGUIO CITY**—Sammy Baculong, the GAB's eighth ranked flyweight at 111, was awarded a technical decision over Ric Santiago, also 111, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Danny Rodenas refereed.
Louie Ilago, 131, eked out a split decision over Venecio Esteban, 128, 10.
Ramon Chan, 114, TKO'd Capino, Jr., 112, in the sixth session of the first 10.
Tony Acalatin, 111, fought to a technical draw with Sil Lucban, 114, in the second canto of a scheduled eight.
Andy Murphy, 117, stopped Dic Bongsayao, 119, in the sixth round of their scheduled eight.
Fel Salvador, 129, decisioned Rico Sagragon, 130, eight.
Promoter—Castillo Kiwang.
GAB witnesses—Carlos Roman, Voltaire Reverente.
(06-07-86)

▶**GLAN, SOUTH COTABATO**—Allan Baring, the number seven Filipino junior lightweight, 130, chalked up a fifth round TKO over Jun Castillano, also 130, in a scheduled 10.
Promoter—Cecilia gido Pagaran.
(06-12-86)

▶**ARAS ASAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR**—Jun Paciones, 122, unanimously decisioned Boy Posadas, also 122, 10.
Promoter—Julian Tan, Jr.
(06-12-86)

▶**QUEZON CITY—Trinity College**—Rey Arceta, the GAB's seventh ranked junior feather, 122, barely took a split duke over Danilo Contado, 124, 10. Vic Valdez refereed.
Flash delos Reyes, 127, won a unanimous decision over Pablo Pepito, 125, 10.
Leon Collins, 122, decisioned Sammy Ansig, 122, decision over eight.
Tomas Jardenil, 117, outscored Leo Dozal, 119, six.
Promoter—Donald Tejaba.
GAB witnesses—Vedasto Adriano, Voltaire Reverente. (06-15-86)

▶**GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Constancio Dangla, 115, seized the Filipino junior bantamweight title by scoring a split upset decision over Ruben dela Cruz, 114, in 12. Ruben previously fought petchngam Chuvatana in an OPBF title eliminator, though losing a hairline decision in Thailand. He was regarded as one of the top 115-pounders in the Orient, being rated in the top thirty by the WBC. His forfeiture of the national crown was unexpected.
Romy Navarrete, 116, won a unanimous nod from Ric Bajelot, 116, in 10.
Edgar Apatan, 127, scored s sixth round TKO over Jonathan Fin, 126, in a scheduled 10.
Elmer Cubillas, 122, took a split duke over Danny Ortega, 120½, in 10. Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(06-21-86)

▶**SURALLAH, SOUTH COTABATO**—Kid Kanashiro, the GAB's top ranked flyweight contender at 112, looked impressive as he stopped Jerry Bayog, 114, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10.
Edwin Inocencio, 110, won a unanimous duke over Flash Antonio, 114, in the first 10.
Promoter—Carmelino Buenaflor.
(06-23-86)

▶**METRO MANILA**—Rizal Memorial Coliseum—Amado Cabato, 130, chalked up a sixth round TKO over Chito Adigue, 130, in a scheduled 10.
Elysser Bautista, 113, knocked out Cecilio Tutor, 112, in the fourth session in the semi-final 10.
Fel Aporto, 121½, outscored Anthony Paloso, 123, in 10.
Carlos Castigador, 120, decisioned Wilsonh Batister, 121, in 8.
—Promoter—tomasa Pamilosa.
GAB's witnesses—Rodrigo Perez and Voltaire Reverente.
(06-24-86)

▶**PARANAQUE—Elorde Sports Complex**—Louie Espinosa, the GAB's fourth ranked junior bantamweight at 118, decisioned Boy Blanca, 117, in 10.
Danny Rodenas refereed.
Bert Granciosa, 122, won from Tom Ramos, 121½, in 10.
Bebot Adonis, 121½, TKO'd Albert Saxon, 121½, in the eight round of scheduled 10.
Eddie Camero, 127½, stopped Jeave Pecante, 127½, at 1:37 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight.
Lorenzo Pormanes, 121, won a majority decision over Nardo Gramatica, 120½, eight.
Promoter—Laura Elorde.
GAB weitnesses—Benedicto Ronquillo, Carlos Dizon.
(06-25-86)

▶**DIPOLOG CITY**—Lulu villaverde, 130, the Filipino junior lightweight champ, scored a sixth round TKO over Pastor Arcaya, also 130, at 2:35 in a scheduled 12-round title bout. Vic Valdez refereed.
Rex Rapiso, 112, stopped Neri Saz, 110, at 2:45 of the ninth session in a scheduled 10.
Geron Porras, 135, unanimously decisioned Ariel Duran, 138, 10.
Ric Bundaog, 115, outscored Mel Grarces, also 115, six.
Promoter—Grego Garcia.
GAB witness—Leonardo Trinidad.
(06-28-86)

▶**STO. THOMAS, DAVAO DEL NORTE**—Fernando Gloria, 150, stopped Noli de Gula, also 150, in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. Satur Yongco refereed.
Samuel Idulsa, 120, drew with Pepito Simbalanti, 121, 10.
Leo Sabanal, 135, unanimously decisioned Fighting Prayon, also 135, eight.
Promoter—Pedro Solis.
GAB witness—Jaime P. Mata.
(06-28-86)

▶**CALUMPANG, GENERAL SANTOS CITY**—Carlos Parcia, 135, chalked up a second round TKO over Wenie Gunieta, also 135, in a scheduled 10. Eddie Siasco refereed.
Promoter—Natividad Cabreros.
(06-28-86)

This reporter must extend his thanks to the GAB (Games and Amusements Board) for their continued support in Filipino results to the boxing world via *The Ring* Magazine.

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THAILAND

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thong Lanjaopraya, the nephew of ex-WBC champ Netrnoi Vorasingh (previouslyt fighting as Laemthong Sor vorasingh), 117, easily stopped Eakayuthnoi Sor Kiatpohthong, 118, in the first round of a scheduled six.
(06-05-86)

▶**BANGKOK**It was their fifth encounter. Petchainat Donjadee, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender at 113, scored his fifth win over Kaopongnoi Sor Thaveerat, 114, in the second round of a scheduled six.
This was TV Channel 7's daytime program.
In the night program, in the same arena, Kairung Sithpayak, 110, found it easy to finish Ardeat Sithfahkamron, also 110, in the third session of their scheduled six.
(06-07-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Sombunyod Singsamang, the TBC's top ranked bantamweight at 121, squared off against ballyhooed amateur champ Thanurit Rerkritchainarong, 120, and dropped him thrice to finish the fight in the second round of a scheduled six.

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, elder twin brother of WBA junior Bantamweeight champ Kaosai, 120, kayoed Rakchai Kiatsonthaya, 119, in the fifth session of a scheduled six. Kaokor, the number two banti Thai bantie, is now 7-0 with five kayoes.

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Singnoi Siongkrungthon, the Thai second ranked 115-pounder at the limit won the vacant national junior bantamweight title, dropping Surasith Meeprasert, 114, in the second round and en route to a unanimous decision (99-96 and double 99-95), 10. Surasith, previously ranked in the WBC's top 20, was regarded as a prospect. But he has lost in important bouts.
(06-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Kongtoranee Payakaroon, the WBC's sixth ranked junior bantamweight at 118, ran his unbeaten log to 8-0, including six knockouts, as he easily demolished Nakaraj Kiatsonthaya, 119, in the third round of a scheduled 10.
Kongtoranee, the former *Muay-Thai* (national kick boxing) champ who won titles in every division from junior flyweight to bantamweight, turned to international style boxing under thge probable influence of his younger brother Samart (the current WBC super bantamweight champ) to win big money. The Thai Mighty Atom defeated ex-WBC world champ Payao Poontarat in his pro debut, and has continued his winning ways. It is said that Kongtoranee, a short but powerful fighter, will get a crack at the WBC 115-pound title now held by Mexican Gilberto Roman. Though entitled to meet Roman in a rematch, ex-champ Jiro Watanabe seems reluctant to make a comeback. It is said that Jiro's manager will give the option on the Watanabe-Roman contract to the Thai prospect on the condition that Japanese champ Takuya Muguruma, Jiro's stablemate, be allowed to fight his brother, Samart, in a bid for the WBC 122-pound title in exchange.
(06-13-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Ayuthaya Sithphakamron, 125, seized the vacant Thai featherweight throne by copping a unanimous decision over veteran Eakrag Singnakornlueng, the top ranked contender at 126, 10. Though anb underdog, Ayuthaya showed his superior speed and outpunched his opponent. All the officials agreed with the score of 99-95. The new champ has a record of 5-1-1.
(06-16-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Petratoom Wakchatchingchai, a black prospect at 116, won a unanimous decision over Ponmongkol Sithkodom, 115, six. Thanks to this victory, Petratoom was ranked top in the Thai Commission's junior bantam ratings.
(06-17-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatpongchida, the number three Thai mini-flyweight at 112, knocked out Praival Petch-Sompong, 111, in the fourth canto of a scheduled six. thavat is now 11-7 with three kayoes.
(06-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kwanjai Sorpengpis, 111, the ex-thai champ previously ranked by the IBF, made a comeback with a unanimous decision victory, six. Kwanjai is now 17-7-2 with eight knockouts.
(06-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Pramoth Chuvatana, the TBC's eighth ranked mini-flyweight at 115, a one-year lay-off to stop unknown chalamdum Yodprasert, 118, in the second round of a scheduled six. Pramoth seems unable to make the 105-pound limit.
(06-20-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Downmai Sithkodom, 126, gave a boxing lesson to Nampetch H. Mahachai, a *Muay-Thai* fighter at 125, and finished him in the fifth round of a scheduled six. Downmai is now 14-2 with eight kayoes.
(06-21-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Many though unknow Sahaschai Sithchalyos, 119, was overmatched against Sombatr Urasompan, 117, but the former fought well, with a good jab, only to lose a split decision, six. The loser is fromSurin Province.
(06-25-86)

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▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—In a 10-round eliminator Patt Ohyuthanakorn, 106, halted Petchainat Donjadee, 108 in the fifth session to become the new Thai junior flyweight champion. The loser had to reduce his weight by seven pounds and looked sluggish from the start. Petchanat's left eye was almost closed, and the ring doctor stopped the fight.

Patt is now 15-4 with 10 kayoes.
(06-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Lanpha Sithmuen, a lefty at 106, hit the deck for counts of nine twice in the fifth round and lost a unanimous decision to Eak Donjadee, 108, six.
(06-27-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kairung Lukphayom, the TBC's top junior flyweight contender at 110, proved too strong for the much less experience Daungkamol Narachavat, also 110, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(06-30-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Samrong Stadium**—Prayunsak Muangsurin, 122, the Thai champ, dropped defending OPBF champ Yun-Kap Choi, also 122, with a smashing right in the first round, and took a majority decision to wrest the Orient and Pacific Boxing Federation junior featherweight title, 12.

Scoring: 119-113, 117-116, and 117-117. It was a slugfest, trading strong punches toe-to-toe in the center of the ring. But Prayunsak's body punches and uppercuts to the chin were more effective.
(07-01-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadmnern Stadium**—Thavat Kiatponchinda, the TBC's third ranked mini-flyweight at 112, lost an upset decision to Phisit Rungroj, also 112, 6.

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Petratoom Eakchatchingchai, top ranked Thai junior bantam at 117, easily knocked out unknow thamada Sithfahcamron, also 117, in the second session of a scheduled six
(07-04-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Rocky Sor Chitalada, the TBC's fourth ranked bantamweight, 121, is a deaf mute who hasn't heard the bell ring yet.

Rocky ran his perfect log to 13-0 with as many knockouts, by stopping Kiatchai Kiatsonthaya, 117, in the second round of a scheduled six.

It wasn't Rocky's easiest fight. He took good punches, and sustained a bad cut over the left eye.
(07-05-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—In the night card, Makar Sornram, the TBC's top ranked mini-flyweight at 110, halted Chokdee Yodprasert, also 110, in the third session of a scheduled six.
(07-05-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Thamil (Savatdivaree) Sithseemok, 119, finioshed Phichit Lookborwon, 119, in the fourth session of a scheduled six.
(07-06-86)

▶**BANGKOK**—Chen Rungrojana, a black American born in Korat, thailand, 127, easily stopped Fahmeechai Pattakarnhalee, 125, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(07-07-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium**—Noree Jokkygym, the number three Thai flyweight at 114, won a unanimous decision over Veeradech S. Vechanan, 113, six.
(07-08-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium**—Kaokor Galaxy, WBA champ Kaosai's twin brother at 118, became the Thai bantamweight champ by finishing Kwangthongnoi Sithumnuen, 117½, at 1:58 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10. It was Kwangthongnoi's second title defense in four years. Kaokaor floored the champ and reduced him to a bloody mess.
(07-09-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Rithichai Lukmingkwan, 109, lost an unexpected decision to former amateur star Trang Sithsaey, 110, six.
(07-10-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Roj Sornrama, previously known as Narongthavat Nabumrung, 112, failed to finish the much shorter Mai Thonbureefarm, 111, winning a unanimous decision, six. Roj is from Chitalada camp.
(07-12-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Srikoon Narchavat, ex-*Muay Thai* fighter at 130, made his debut in the international style and won a unanimous decision over Jimmy Sithfaidang, also 130, six.
(07-14-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Yuenyong Sithprasong, formerly rated by the WBA, 114, was kayoed by 6-1 underdog Nakarach Kiatsonthaya, 117, in 1:56 of the second round in a scheduled six.
(07-16-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Taksin Muangsurin, 104, the OPBF's fifth ranked mini-flyweight, had not fought for a year and four months, but kept his ratings in the OPBF and TBC. Taksin made a comeback go and was knocked out by Sirimongkol Tepudom, 108, in the fifth round of a scheduled six. It was an upset.
(07-18-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Pramoth Chuvatana, 114, the TBC's second ranked mini-flyweight, copped a unanimous decision over Phansak S. Kiatpohthong, also 114, six.
(07-19-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Sakchai Kiatsonthaya, 112, was outscored by Thamil (Savatdivaree) Sithseemok, 115½, six.
(07-24-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Petratoom Eakchatchingchai, 116, the fast rising junior bantam, scored his eighth win (with seven kayoes) by demolishing Chainarong Sithfahcamron, 117, in 2:10 of the second session in a scheduled six.
(07-25-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Sombunyod Singsamang, the OPBF's sixth ranked bantamweight at 120, much smaller Eakyuthnoi S. Kiatpohthong, 117, in the second round of a scheduled six.
(07-26-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Dangnuen Kiat RD, ex-Lumpinee Stadium titlist at 118, made a comeback after a year and won a unanimous nod over Sombat Aurssmphan, 117, six.
(07-28-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium** Noree Jokkygym, 114, avenged a loss with a unanimous verdict over southpaw Downrung (Technique) Utaradit, 114, 6. It was Downrung's first setback. Noree dominated the fifth and sixth rounds.
(07-29-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Chane Rungroj, a black American at 131, easily finished Veera Kiatsonthaya, 134, in the second session of a scheduled six.
(07-30-86)

▶**BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium** Thong Lanjaopraya, ex-WBC champ Netrnoi Vorasingh's nephew, 118, made short work of Thanurit Lerkritchainarong, also 118, polishing him off in the first round of a scheduled six.
(07-31-86)

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AUSTRALIA

NEW SOUTH WALES

▶**CARDIFF**—Hard hitting Marty Feigham made junior-featherweight for the first time in his career when he tangled with short dynamo Bobby Mastro over 12 rounds. That was the scheduled distance; the contest ended in round eight with Feigham a KO winner. Mastro was counted out at 1:49 of the round by referee Billy Males.

Why was the bout scheduled for 12 rounds instead of the normal 10? The Australian Boxing Federation (ABF) sanctioned this match for the vacant Australian junior featherweight title, champion Mark Cribb having forsaken the throne.

The two leading contenders for the title were IBF world bantam champion Jeff Fenech and Australian bantam king Paul Ferreri. When this reporter asked a representative of the ABF ratings committee if the ABF had asked Fenech and Ferreri if they wanted to contest the vacant title, he replied: "No, but they would not be interested as the money was not big enough."

He was right about Fenech, but not about Ferreri, who formerly held the Australian featherweight and junior lightweight titles and still holds the national bantam crown.

That was one thing the ABF did wrong. The second thing was pairing Feighan and Mastro. Feighan had never made the 122-pound limit — not at any time in his career. He could not have been a contender in that division until he made the limit for one fight. As for Mastro, not only had he never made the junior-feather limit, he had never made even the feather!

How can two boxers who had never made the limit he paired for a vacant title in that division? It is against the rules of the ABF — and virtually all other organizations in the world.

Feighan made the limit rather easily — he was only 119¼ — but Mastro had to make two trips to swelter in the sauna in order to come in at 122.

Having made the limit for this contest, both Feighan and Mastro will be rated by *The Square Ring* magazine (of which this correspondent is the editor) in that division — at least until they fail to make it again after four fights. There is however, no way anyone could legitimately regard Feighan as the champion. Not unless he beats Paul Ferreri.

Feighan dominated the weight-strained Mastro, though the first five rounds were reasonably close. In round six, Mastro was floored by a punch to the body. In round seven, he was floored again — and was severely punished in that round. In round eight, he was floored once again, and failed to beat the count.

Simon Maidment, 129½, outpointed Chris Dawe, 134½, in an eight-round tabble that referee Billy Males described as the best preliminary fight he had ever refereed. Big shower of cash from ringsiders.

Six rounds: Happy Man, 175¼, halted Billy The Kid, 161, the referee stopping the fight in round two.

Four rounds: Stewart Weekes, 142¼, outpointed Jimmy Henry, 138¾. Alan Whitton, 118, kayoed Ron Bridge, 115¾, in one.

▶**MT PRITCHARD—Community Club**—Charlie Lewis, 134½, an up-and-comer, outpointed former Australian champion Craig Pevy, 132¼, a clear and unanimous decision.

Robert Newton, 149¼, outpointed Al Hallett, 146½, eight.

Six rounds: John Dabbene, 114, outpointed billy Deluth, 114¼. Mario Crisafulli, 127½, outpointed Bobby Williams, 122¼.

Danny Fletcher, 158¼, kayoed Garry Gattling, 159½ in the fourth and final round.
(08-12-86)

▶**ST MARYS—Leagues Club**—Veteran Brian Roberts, 133¾, retained his NSW State lightweight title by halting veteran Roger Henry, 133¾, in round seven a cut eye. Roberts was leading at

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the time.

In a six-rounder, Joe Knight of Fiji seemed unlucky — in the eyes of the crowd — to lose a points decision to Dino Billinghurst. Poor Joe always gives a good show, but cannot get on the winning side in Australia. Billinghurst scaled 150¼, Knight 159¾.

Four rounds: Rory Lackey, 147¾, KO 4 John Hunt, 154¼; Steve Henry, 157¾, KO 1 Billy The Kid, 159¾.
(08-21-86)

▶**CRONULLA—Labor & Workingmen's Club**—New Zealand champion Steve Renwick, 153¼, who lives in Australia and had a few fights in the States last year, met Paul Toweel, South African-born Aussie, for the vacant Australian and Australasian junior middleweight titles, and what a battle it was! Most exciting fight of the year in australia to date, and when the dust settled a split decision went to Renwick — 116-114, 118-116, and 113-118. There was no way there were five points in it. The battle was close No official knockdowns in the eyes of referee Paul Moore, but Renwick was dropped once.

The title was left vacant when champion Ken Salisbury was stripped by the PBAAI following a report from his doctor stating that he would not be able to box again following a car accident.

In the main support over eight rounds, Australian junior welter champion Pat Leglise, 144, halted overweight willie Tarika, 158¼, round four. Tarika was outclassed and the bout was stopped.

Robbie Hitchenson, 171½, won a close decision over Joe Knight, 164¼, six. Decision split. Good bout.

Over six rounds, Rodney Brown, 137½, outpointed comebacking Steve Assang, 142½.

In a four, Rory Lackey, 145¼, stopped John Taupau, 155¾, in round three. Taupau is not to be mistaken for his brother, who uses the same name. This Taupau's real name is Joe.
(08-29-86)

▶**EDENSOR PARK—King Tomislav Croatian Club**—Renato Cornett, 133½, scored a comfortable points win over Queenslander Graeme Jeffries, 140, 10.

Two sixes supported. Rick Kulu, 174¼, outpointed Steve McQuade, 178½. Richard Riley, 121¼, outpointed Alan Whitton, 119.
(08-29-86)

▶**DAPTO—Leagues Club**—Daniel Saylor, 181¾, annexed the vacant NSW State cruiserweight title in a bruising and exciting 10-rounder against former champ Geoff Peate, 194. A terrific fight, as all Peate's fights are. Saylor received stitches over both eyes and inside the mouth. Peate busted an ear drum. Decision was split.

Chris Dawe, 137¾, kayoed Abnormal Romeo, 137¾ in the fourth round of a scheduled six.

Alex Tui, 166½, outpointed Joe Knight, 163¼, six.

Four rounds: John (Joe) Taupau, 154½, KO3 Neil Higgins, 147¾; John Hunt, 156½, drew with Steve Henry, 165½.
(09-12-86)

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

▶**PERTH—Perrylakes Basketball Stadium**—Local lad Tony Jones, 138¾, scored a clear points win over Argentinian Jesus Romero, 137¾, over 10, but it was not as good a spectacle as most of Tony's fights. Romero was a brawler and a spoiler. Jones won, 99-95 and 96-93, but judge Phil Rowley came up with 97-93 Romero's way—a judgment that astounded boxing men.

Steve Renwick journeyed across the continent from Sydney to tackle WA's Chad Hill over eight rounds. Renwick won in a walk in this eight-rounder, 80-74, 80-72, and 80-74. Steve weighed in heavy at 158½, Hill lighter than expected at 156¾.

Six rounds: Derek Arnold, 145¼, KO6 Lorne Lehman, 142½, in a good fight in which both men took counts; Wally Bryant, 131½, outpointed Dean Colbung, 123¾, Ken Dixon, 178¾, KO

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27. Willie de Wit (Canada)
28. Francesco Damiani (Italy)
29. Joe Bugner (Great Britain)
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2. Ricky Parkey (U.S.)
3. Boone Pultz (U.S.)
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5. Bert Cooper (U.S.)
6. Alfonzo Ratliff (U.S.)
7. Michael Greer (U.S.)
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11. Bashiru Ali (Nigeria)
12. Chisanda Mutti (Zambia)
13. Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico)
14. Sammy Reeson (Great Britain)
15. Curtis Isaac (U.S.)
16. Ralf Rocchigiani (Germany)
17. Tony Fulilangi (Tonga)
18. Anthony Davis (U.S.)
19. Leon Spinks (U.S.)
20. David Russell (Australia)
21. Michael Arms (U.S.)
22. Cedric Parsons (Canada)
23. Spencer Chavis (U.S.)
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25. Elijah Tillery (U.S.)
26. Kevin Wagstaff (Australia)
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6. Don LaLonde (Canada)
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8. Charles Williams (U.S.)
9. Richard Caramanolis (France)
10. Slobodan Kacar (Yugoslavia)
11. Jean Marie Emebe (Cameroon)
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15. Fulgencio Obelmejias (Vez.)
16. Jeff Lampkin (U.S.)
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22. Anthony Witherspoon (U.S.)
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25. James Salerno (U.S.)
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27. Nestor Giovannini (Argentina)
28. Arthel Lawhorne (U.S.)
29. Edward (Grady) Smith (U.S.)
30. Grover Robinson (U.S.)

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4. Mark Kaylor (Great Britain)
5. Robbie Sims (U.S.)
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8. Juan D. Roldan (Argentina)
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12. Tony Sibson (Great Britain)
13. Sumbu Kalambay (Italy)
14. Ayub Kalule (Denmark)
15. Doug DeWitt (U.S.)
16. Roberto Duran (Panama)
17. John Collins (U.S.)
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19. Michael Nunn (U.S.)
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Vacant
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2. Duane Thomas (U.S.)
3. Matthew Hilton (Canada)
4. In-Chul Baek (Korea)
5. Milton McCrory (U.S.)
6. Julian Jackson (Virgin Islands)
7. Hugo Marinangeli (Argentina)
8. Troy Darrell (U.S.)
9. Mark Medal (U.S.)
10. Lupe Aquino (U.S.)
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12. Ramon Ramos (Argentina)
13. John Munduga (Uganda)
14. Chris Pyatt (Great Britain)
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16. Davey Moore (U.S.)
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26. David Noel (Trinidad)
27. Mark Janssen (Australia)
28. Kenny Snow (Texas)
29. Troy Waters (Australia)
30. Francisco Lisboa (Indonesia)

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13. Sylvester Mittee (Great Britain)
14. Eduardo Batista (Dominican Rep.)
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16. Darryl Anthony (U.S.)
17. Brian Janssen (Australia)
18. Diomedes Colome (Dominican Rep.)
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25. Ramon Jara (Argentina)
26. Reyes Cruz (Dominican Rep.)
27. Rodolfo Aguilar (Panama)
28. Akinobu Hiranaka (Japan)
29. Alberto M. Cortes (Argentina)
30. Wilf Jentzen (Australia)

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5. Frankie Randall (U.S.)
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7. Darryl Tyson (U.S.)
8. Miguel Santana (Puerto Rico)
9. Sergio Zambrano (Mexico)
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11. Pernell Whitaker (U.S.)
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14. Greg Haugen (U.S.)
15. John Montes (U.S.)
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17. Juan Nazario (Puerto Rico)
18. Sammy Fuents (Puerto Rico)
19. Primo Ramos (Mexico)
20. Gert Bo Jacobsen (Denmark)

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23. Dale Artango (Australia)
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Champion
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2. Mario Martinez (Mexico)
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6. Sung-Yun Kim (Korea)
7. Jean Marc Renard (Belgium)
8. Lester Ellis (Australia)
9. Daniel Londas (France)
10. Mario Miranda (Colombia)
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12. John Sichula (Zambia)
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16. Manuel Batista (Dominican Rep.)
17. Oscar Bejines (Mexico)
18. Kamel Bou Ali (Tunisia)
19. Faustino Barrios (Argentina)
20. Mark Fernandez (U.S.)
21. Kenny Baysmore (U.S.)
22. Vinnie Costello (U.S.)
23. Francisco Fernandez (Panama)
24. Najib Daho (Great Britain)
25. Tony Pep (Canada)
26. Amancio Castro (Colombia)
27. Pedro Gutierrez (Argentina)
28. Anthony English (U.S.)
29. Pat Cowdell (Great Britain)
30. Tony Lopez (U.S.)

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Champion
Azumah Nelson (Ghana)
1. Marcos Villasana (Mexico)
2. Calvin Grove (U.S.)
3. Barry McGuigan (Great Britain)
4. Bernard Taylor (U.S.)
5. Antonio Esparragoza (Venezuela)
6. Jackie Beard (U.S.)
7. Tyrone Downes (Trinidad)
8. Javier Marquez (Mexico)
9. Jose Marmolejo (Panama)
10. Jose Mario Lopez (Argentina)
11. Lupe Suarez (U.S.)
12. Joe Ruelas (U.S.)
13. Robert Rivera (Puerto Rico)
14. Ki-Yong Chung (Korea)
15. Danilo Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
16. Richard Savage (U.S.)
17. Min-Keun Oh (Korea)
18. Jim McDonnell (Great Britain)
19. Osmar Avila (Argentina)
20. Eijiro Kuruma (Japan)
21. Maurizio Stecca (Italy)
22. George Navarro (U.S.)
23. Hector Lopez (Mexico)
24. Byung-Soo Park (Korea)
25. Jorge Ramirez (Mexico)
26. Tyrone Jackson (U.S.)
27. Tony Miller (Australia)
28. Angel Mayor (Venezuela)
29. Mitsuru Sugiya (Japan)
30. Alvaro Bohorquez (Colombia)

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Champion
Samart Payakaroon (Thailand)
1. Seung-Hoon Lee (Korea)
2. Tommy Valoy (Dominican Rep.)
3. Mike Ayala (U.S.)
4. Jaime Garza (U.S.)
5. (Juan (Kid) Meza (Mexico)
6. Harold Petty (U.S.)
7. Daniel Blanco (Colombia)
8. Julian Solis (Puerto Rico)
9. Loris Stecca (Italy)
10. Valerio Nati (Italy)
11. Daniel Zaragoza (Mexico)
12. Louie Espinoza (U.S.)
13. Takuya Muguruma (Japan)
14. Jesus Salud (U.S.)
15. Alberto Mercado (Puerto Rico)
16. Ramon Dominguez (Argentina)
17. Jesse Benavides (U.S.)
18. Aaron Lopez (U.S.)
19. Prayoonsak Muangsurin (Thailand)
20. Pedro R. Decima (Argentina)
21. Yun-Kap Choi (Korea)
22. George Garcia (U.S.)
23. James Pipps (U.S.)
24. Mauro Gutierrez (Mexico)
25. Jose Meneses (Panama)
26. Eusebio Espinal (Dominican Rep.)
27. Ruben Dario Palacios (Colombia)
28. Juan Veloz (U.S.)
29. Johnny Carter (U.S.)
30. Manuel Vilchez (Venezuela)

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Champion
Miguel Lora (Colombia)
1. Albert Davila (U.S.)
2. Chan-Yung Park (Korea)
3. Hurley Snead (U.S.)
4. Ki-Youl Kang (Korea)
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19. James Manning (U.S.)
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21. Changuito Carmona (Mexico)
22. Ray Minus (Bahamas)
23. Ernie Cataluna (Philippines)
24. Sam David (U.S.)
25. Ali Camacho (Venezuela)
26. Raul Perez (Mexico)
27. Kap-Sup Song (Korea)
28. Juan Jose Estrada (Mexico)
29. Fernando Beltran (Mexico)
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SUPER FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Gilberto Roman (Mexico)
1. Frank Cedeno (Philippines)
2. Santos Laciar (Argentina)
3. Jiro Watanabe (Japan)
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5. Dong-Choon Lee (Korea)
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21. Constancio Dangla (Philippines)
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25. Seishi Hatanaka (Japan)
26. Rodolfo Ortega (Mexico)
27. Jun Resma (Philippines)
28. Ernesto Ford (Panama)
29. Michael Parrish (Guyana)
30. Miguel Perez (Colombia)

FLYWEIGHTS

Champion
Sot Chitalada (Thailand)
1. Gabriel Bernal (Mexico)
2. Hi-Sup Shin (Korea)
3. Rae-Ki Ahn (Korea)
4. Fidel Bassa (Colombia)
5. Javier Lucas (Mexico)
6. Shuichi Hozumi (Japan)
7. Duke McKenzie (Great Britain)
8. Rafael Caban (Puerto Rico)
9. Alberto Castro (Colombia)
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13. Jimmy Fernandez (Mexico)
14. Rafael Cabrera (Dominican Rep.)
15. Claudemir Dias (Brazil)
16. Juan Herrera (Mexico)
17. Freddie Castillo (Mexico)
18. Rodolfo Alvarado (Mexico)
19. Stephen Muchoki (Kenya)
20. Bi-Won Chung (Korea)
21. Koji Nishikawa (Japan)
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3. Jorge Cano (Mexico)
4. Benedicto Murillo (Panama)
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6. Seiji Tomari (Japan)
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27. Kyun-Jae Chae (Korea)
28. Nick Dalisay (Philippines)
29. Agapito Gomez Alvarado (Spain)
30. Lincoln Salcedo (Ecuador)

3 Grant Rogers, 174¾. (Lynwood Enterprises. Crowd—2,000. (15-8-86)

VICTORIA

▶**MELBOURNE—Festival Hall**—Australian lightweight champion Dale Artango, 136½, won a clear points decision over South African Nika Khumalo, 137¼, with scores of 99-92, 98-93, and 99-92, but the African made Artango work. The Aussie champ was too smart a boxer for the African, but Khumalo tried hard all the way. What he lacked in skill he made up for in courage. Artango ran his record to 18 wins in 18 bouts.

Russell Johnson, 179¾, halted Kevin Hargraves, 176¼, in round six of a scheduled eight, and Hargraves announced his retirement after the loss. Hargraves held a points lead coming into the sixth session, but ran into trouble early in that round, suffered a knockdown, and was rescued by the referee.

Greg Pocock, 176¾, outpointed Phillip Biondo, 183¾, over six wild and willing rounds. Split decision.

Kerry Packer, 126, outpointed Jeff Ellis, 128¾, four.

▶**GEELONG—Golf Inn Hotel**—Rocky Pirrottina, 138¾, regained the Victorian State junior welter title he had relinquished when he outpointed Paul Delosa, 136¾, 10. Win was clear: 99-91, 99-92, 97-95. Pirrottina was strong and aggressive; Delosa was hesitant.

Over eight, Gary Clarke of South Australia, 134½, stopped fast-moving Rodney Bowman, 127¾, in round three. Bowman tripped over the referee's leg in round two and apparently suffered an injury to his ankle. He was given time to have the ankle strapped, but, in round three, Clarke battered him to the ropes and Bowman was not mobile enough to get out of the way. Referee Jim Boland then rescued him and crowned Clarke.

Three rounds: Shane Stevens, 127¾, outpointed Angelo Cattoggio, 125¾; Trevor Keegan, 161, outpointed Murray Bacyx, 161; Tony Marriotta, 136¾, stopped Peter Karanos, 141, in three. (08-29-86)

QUEENSLAND

▶**HAYMAN ISLAND**—First promotion in this North Queensland island. Only one pro bout, a 10-rounder in which Steve Peel, 146, outpointed Jamie Tracey, 142.

Promoted by the Hayman Island Social Club. Attending fans were workmen building a tourist resort. (08-22-86)

FIJI

▶**SUVA**—Australian Paul Toweel lost his South Pacific middleweight title to Fijian Sakaraia Ve on points over 12 rounds, but the decision did not look right. As referee, this correspondent carded for Toweel 115-114, which was close and decided only in the last round. The two Fijian judges saw it Ve's way, 116-115 and 117-114. A study of the video proved that Toweel won the last round, yet the two judges carded that last round to Ve. If the judge who had the one-point margin in the fight had scored the last round for Toweel, the Aussie would have won the decision.

It was a good fight. Ve is a brilliant boxer, uncanny at times, particularly when allowed to dictate the course of action, which he was early in the contest. Toweel woke to this after a few rounds and pressured Ve over the last half.

Former Australian junior middle champ Alex Temelkov, 164, halted Fijian Livai Rocko, 166¼, in round six of a lively and rough bout. Temelkov scored a knockdown in the first round and was well ahead coming into the sixth. In that round, he floored Rocko with a peach of a hook. Rocko staggered upright two seconds later but was gone. He reeled, and referee Ray Mitchell stopped the fight and crowned Temelkov.

Fijian Jale Fotu, who campaigned in Australia for a while, outpointed Tomasi Vatanitawake rounds. Fotu scaled 156½, his opponent 155¼. (09-06-86)

RAY MITCHELL

A printer's error on page 35 of the November issue of *The Ring* resulted in the elimination of numbers 11 through 20 in the junior lightweight division in the International Rankings. They should have read as follows: 11. Kenny Baysmore 12. Najib Daho 13. Eusebio Pedroza 14. Jean-Marc Renard 15. John Sichula 16. Oscar Bejines 17. Rafael Solis 18. Raphe Sims 19. Mario Miranda 20. Sung-Yun Kim.

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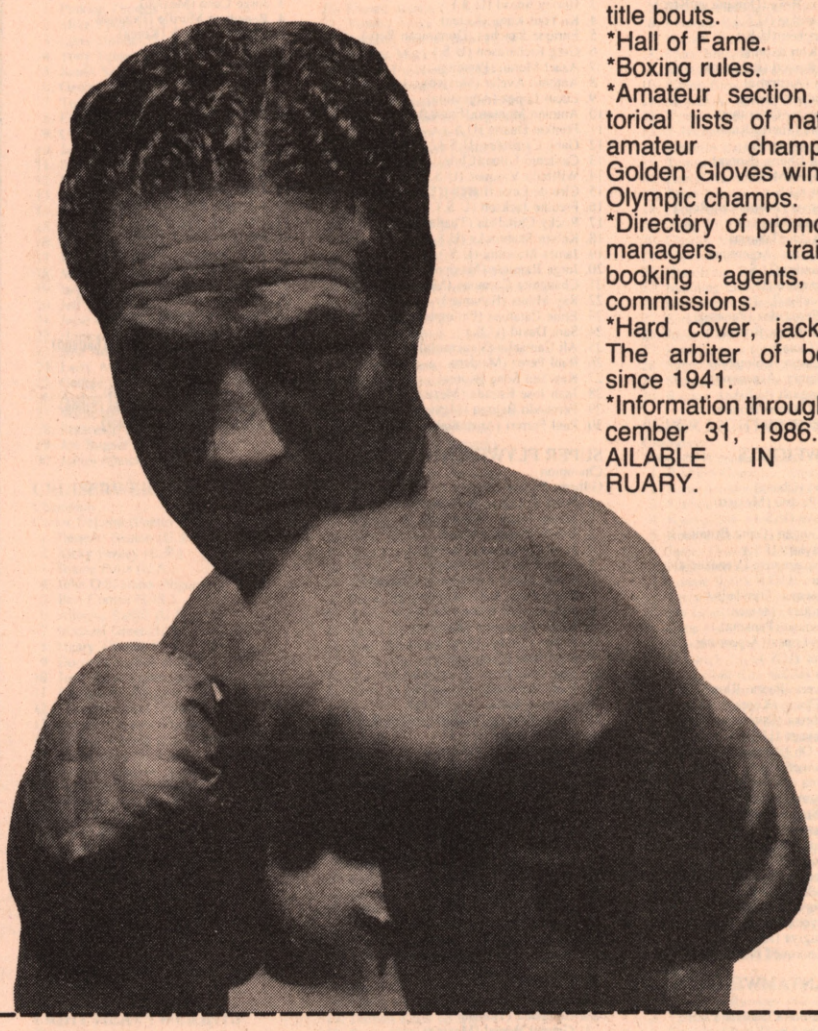

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Larry Alexander W12 Mark Willis
Pierre Coetzer KO1 Luis Lazana
Willie de Wit W10 Andrew Stokes
Young Dempsey W10 Ruben Williams
Avery Rawls KO3 Kenny Davis
Gary Mason KO2 Lorenzo Boyd
Francesco Damiani W8 Ricky Sekorski
Jesse Shelby W10 Lorenzo Canady
Mark Lee KO2 Ernest Smith
Sammy Scaff KO8 Robert Obey
Jerry Halstead KO3 Joe Brewer
Jerry Halstead KO2 Aaron Brown
Olian Alexander KO2 David Kliewer

CRUISERWEIGHTS

Henry Tillman TKO6 Oscar Holman
Al Shoffner TKO3 Greg Johnson
Roy Smith W10 Abner Blackstock
Abner Blackstock TKO1 Terry Gilbey
Tee Jay TKO4 Gypsy Carman
Robert Hill TKO2 Mike Mohn
Spencer Chavis TKO1 Willie Mayberry

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Dennis Andries TKO9 Tony Sibson
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Marvin Johnson TKO13
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Charles Williams W12 James Salerno
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Chong-Pal Park W15 Marvin Mack
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Leslie Stewart TKO5 Garry Hubble
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Alex Blanchard W12 Ralf Rocchigiani
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Eddie Davis TKO9 Tim Bullock
Jim MacDonald TKO5 Clarence Osby
Henry Milligan TKO7
Rusty Rosenberger
Keith Vining TKO8 Bill Lee
Arthel Lawhorn TKO9 Grady Smith
Jeff Lampkin TKO6 Paul Madison
Sean O'Phoenix Wdisq3
Dave Mowbray
Keith Bristol TKO5 Harry Cowap
Tommy Taylor KO4 Dennis Bailey
Don LaLonde TKO8
Charles Henderson
Vincent Boulware TKO2
Louis Coleman

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Mike McCallum TKO3 Irwin Hines
Wilfred Benitez W10 Harry Daniels
Michael Nunn W10 Mike Tinley
Mark Kaylor TKO9 Tony Harrison
Errol Christie W10 Adam George
Jorge Amparo W10 Kevin Watts
Mark Holmes W10 Doug Mallett
Dale Jackson KO9 Ronnie Essett
Cecil Pettigrew KO2 Reggie Barnes
Sammy Floyd KO2 Larry Tyson
Tim Williams W10 Israel Cole

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

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Tony Montgomery KO3 Joe Summers
Darrin Van Horn W10 Sammy Floyd
Royan Hammond W8
Renaldo Hernandez
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Charlie Watson W8 Franki Moro
Rocky Feliciello W8 Graeme Ahmed

WELTERWEIGHTS

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Sylvester Mittee TKO5 Willie McGee
Kirkland Laing TKO4
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Harold Volbrecht KO7 Maurizio Bravo
Charles Nwokolo W10 Rigo Lopez
Jose Flores W10 Alvaro Granillo
Joe Garcioa KO1 Antonio Mora
Mitchell Julien W10 Javier Suarez
George Collins W8 Mark Brawood
Rocky Kelly TKO7 Mark Mills
Gary Jacobs TKO3 Jeff Decker
Steve Davies KO3 Dave Douglas

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Tony McKenzie KO3 Clinton McKenzie
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Buddy McGirt W10 Saoul Mamby
Felix Santiago KO8 Rudy Fuentez
Ricky Young W8 David Taylor
Joey Ruiz W10 Ali Kareem Muhammad
Jeff McWhorter KO2 Rick Spencer
John Montes KO1 Ford Jennings
Joey Ferrell W10 Anthony Andrews
Gary Williams KO5 Peter Crook
Lennie Gloster TKO8 Tony Adams
Dave McCabe W8 Peter Eubanks

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Edwin Rosario KO2
Livingston Bramble
(Won WBA Title)
Hector Camacho W12
C. Boza-Edwards
(Retained WBC Title)
Terrence Alli W12 Miguel Santana
(Won Vacant USBA Title)
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Alvin Hayes TKO4 Edwin Curet
Jose Luis Ramirez TKO6 Nick Parker
Walter Sims W10 Chris Calvin
Frankie Randall KO3
Aldemar Mosquera
Anthony Williams W8
Choo Choo Brown
Vernon Buchanan KO1 Alex Byrd
Ray Newby W8 George Baigrie
Harpal Talhan W8 Gord Hannah

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

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(Won World Title)
Jose Luis Ramirez TKO6 Nick Parker
Juan LaPorte TKO3 Jimmy Magnifico
Mario Martinez TKO6
Angel Luis Garcia
Mario Miranda TKO8
Geronimo Luquez
Genaro Hernandez W10 Lupe Miranda
Keith Stevenson TKO3
James Anderson
Francisco Segura W10 Greg Puente
Frankie Mitchell Wdisq7
Mario Lesperance
Andrew Minsker W10
Tommy Cordova
Keely Thompson KO1 Will Rankin
J.T. Walker W8 Henry Lugo

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Bernard Taylor W12 Joe Ruelas
(Won NABF Title)
Francisco Arreola W10 Jesus Muniz
Marcos Villasana W10
Alberto Mercado
Jose Marmolejo KO3 Jose Meneses
Maurizio Stecca TKO5 Jeff Hannah
Alfred Rangel W10 Tomas Gonzalez

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS

Harold Petty KO3 Calvin Talley
James Manning W10 Hector Cortez
Jorge Diaz W10 Adrian Arreola

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Bernardo Pinango TKO10
Circo De Leva
(Retained World Title)
Azael Moran TKO3 Valerio Zea
Edgar Monserrat W10 Ernesto Ford
Frankie Duarte TKO9 Jose Torres
David Gauvin TKO6 Carlos Lopez
Jimmy Navarro W8 Thomas Elston
Tony Heath W8 Gerry McBride

FLYWEIGHTS

Hilario Zapata W15 Alberto Castro
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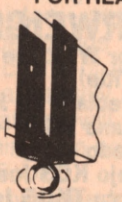

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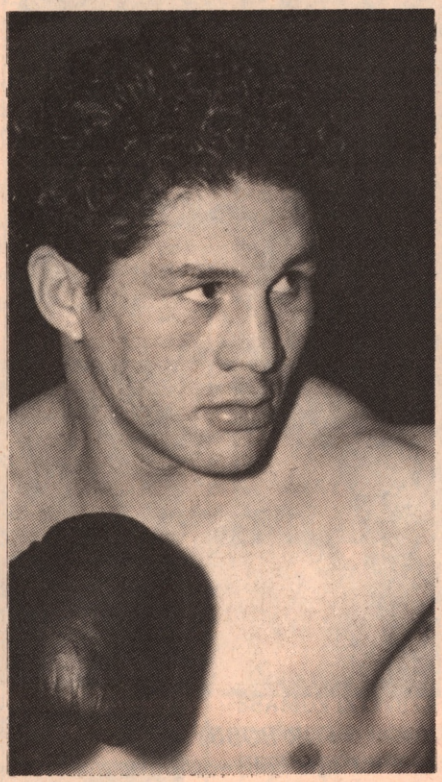

THE RECENT ELECTION OF CHARLES (Bud) Taylor to *The Ring's* Boxing Hall of Fame brought back many memories of the man known as "The Blond Terror of Terre Haute." Taylor was one of the finest small fighters in the history of the game. His aggressive style practically assured that every bout was an all-out war.

Taylor was born in Terre Haute, Indiana (where else?) on July 5, 1903. By the time Bud was 17, he was fighting pro. Right from the beginning Taylor fought the toughest guys around. Among his adversaries during these early years were Jimmy Kelly, Pal Moore, Battling Chink, Benny Vogel and Harold Smith. Soon, he stepped up in class, meeting the likes of Frankie Genaro, Pancho Villa, Charlie Phil Rosenberg and Sammy Nable.

On January 11, 1924 Taylor kayoed Frankie Jerome in the 12th round in New York City. Jerome died as a result of the injuries suffered in the bout. Two years later, Clever Sencio died after a 10-round no-decision match with Taylor.

Taylor earned the right to meet Tony Canzoneri for the vacant NBA bantamweight title by defeating California Joe Lynch, Young Nationalista, Young Montreal, Eddie Shea and Vic Burrone. The match with Canzoneri, held in Chicago on March 26, 1927, ended in a 10-round draw. Three months later, Taylor defeated the immortal Canzoneri over 10 rounds to become the NBA 118-pound champ.

While he held the crown, Bud beat Johnny Farr, Babe Ruth, Ignacio Fernandez and Johnny Vacca. He also lost to Canzoneri in a rubber match and was badly beaten by Joey Sangor, both non-title fights. Taylor was having problems making the weight, and a few months after the loss to Sangor, he gave up the belt to fight as a featherweight. However, he never achieved the same success at 126 pounds and retired in 1931 following a loss to Lew Massey.

After he hung up his gloves. Taylor became a manager and a promoter. He died of a heart attack on March 8, 1962, just a few months short of his 59th birthday.

VETERAN BOXERS NOTES:

The establishment of the Ray Arcel Medical Caneter is a major accomplishment of Ring 8 IVBA in New York City. The center provides free annual diagnostic check-ups for its members. Ring 8 president, Charley Gellman, urges all members to use the facilities . . . Former light heavyweight champion Melio Bettina, who recently suffered a heart attack, is now home from the hospital recuperating . . . Eddie Blunt, giant heavyweight of the 30s, is recovering from a broken hip . . . Willie Felice, former fighter and current trainer, is out of the hospital following intestine surgery. . .

THE LAST ROUND:

Joe Walker, 75, former New Jersey Athletic Commissioner and the brother of Mickey Walker, died on July 9, 1986 at the Brick Hospital in New Jersey. Joe, who served on the commission for 16 years, never lost interest in the sport. He served as director of the Brick Police Athletic League until last year . . . Arturo Godoy, 74, former heavyweight star from Chile, died of cancer and diabetes on August 27, 1986 in Iquinue, Chile. Godoy went 15 rounds with Joe Louis in 1940 and was rewarded with a rematch the following year. Arturo didn't fare so well the second time and was stopped in eight. Arturo also fought Primo Carnera, Tony Galento, Roscoe Toles and Tommy Loughran. He retired in 1950 and became a police boxing trainer . . . James Paradise, 84, former welterweight from Newark who fought under the name of Young Feb, passed away at the Cornell Hall Convalescent Center in Union City, New Jersey. Feb was a member of Ring 25 and a fourth degree knight with the Knights of Columbus, Council 4066 in Newark. He is also enshrined in the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame . . . May they all rest in peace. . . □

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FOR SUGAR RAY LEONARD
Former welterweight and junior middleweight champion

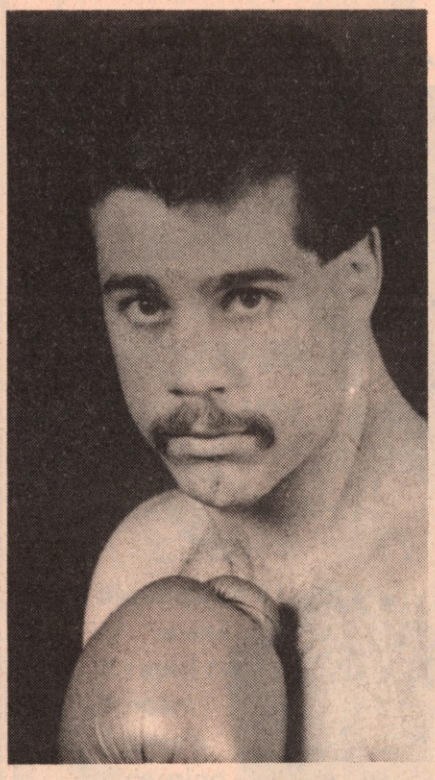
Q: To what extent did Muhammad Ali influence you and your career?
A.G., WASHINGTON, D.C.

A: Ali set the standard. A lot of people labeled Ali a "loudmouth," but he revolutionized boxing and helped make a lot of other fighters wealthy who might never have gotten a break on their own.

FOR MICHAEL SPINKS
IBF heavyweight champion

Q: Did your brother Leon ever give you any advice about fighting heavyweights?
R.J.L., RESDA, CA

A: Yes, before I fought Steffen Tangstad, Leon told me Tangstad can't stand a jab. That turned out to be very good instructions.



FOR BOBBY CZYZ
IBF light heavyweight champion

Q: How do you feel now that you've finally achieved your dream of winning a world title for your late father?
N.D., VALLEY STREAM, NY

A: Great, the past four years have been tough for me. It's been frustrating. But now I feel like there's nothing that life can throw at me that I can't handle.

FOR PINKLON THOMAS
Former WBC heavyweight champion

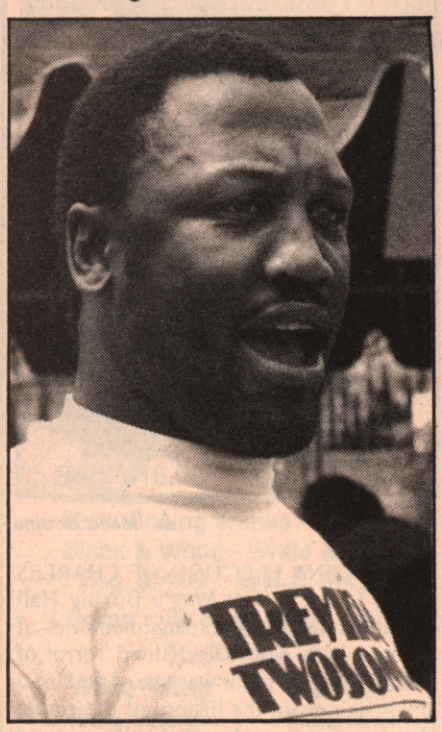
Q: What is your opinion of undefeated heavyweight Mike Tyson?
E.O., PHILA., PA

A: He's very beatable.

FOR BOB ARUM
Promoter

Q: What do you consider your finest achievement in boxing?
M.F., CONROE, TX

A: My two proudest accomplishments in boxing are the weekly ESPN shows and my contributions to the career of Marvin Hagler.



FOR JOE FRAZIER
Former world heavyweight champion

Q: I am a young man just starting my boxing career. What advise can you give me?
S.M., LAS CRUCES, N.M.

A: There's a lot of sacrifice involved. You've got to force yourself to get up each morning when it's still dark outside to do roadwork. You've also got to leave the ladies alone.

FELIX SANTIAGO
JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT

HE'S BACK! FELIX SANTIAGO, THE TALL, RANGY, AGGRESSIVE, and hard-punching junior welterweight from Brooklyn, the one who went 12 rounds to a draw with Angel Cruz in '85, is back. Three straight knockout wins in '86 have put him right back in the New York spotlight. . . . "I felt discouraged after the Cruz bout," Felix confesses. "I thought I won the fight, and I got disgusted with boxing. Now I'm back. I mean, what am I gonna do, work in a pizzeria for the rest of my life?" . . . Not if manager Marco Minuto has anything to say about it. "I always thought he was one of the best 140-pounders in the game today. One more tune-up fight and we'll be ready for anybody in the top 10. All we need is a promoter to give us a break." . . . Minuto first saw Santiago as an amateur in Bedford-Stuyvesant, the boxing hotbed in Brooklyn that has produced stars like Mark Breland and Mike Tyson. "He's been fighting since the age of twelve. Felix has a dynamite right hand, but his patience is his greatest asset. Patience and adaptability. Whatever he has to do to beat the man in front of him, he does." Married with one daughter, Felix turned 24 five days after his last contest, an eighth round knockout over Rudy Fuentez at the Felt Forum in New York. The 5'9" Santiago is now 14-0-1 with 11 kayoes. □

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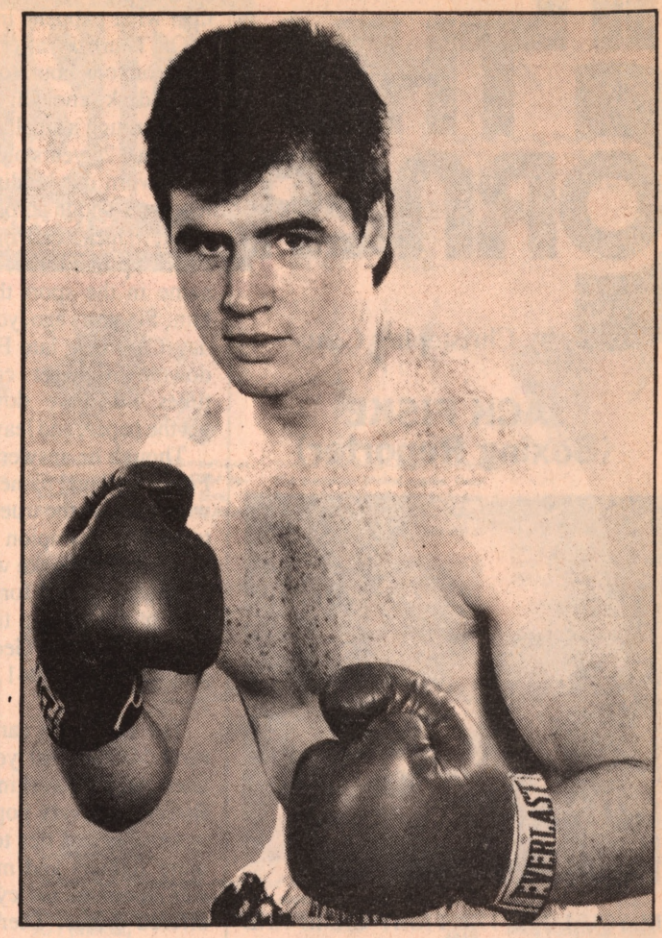


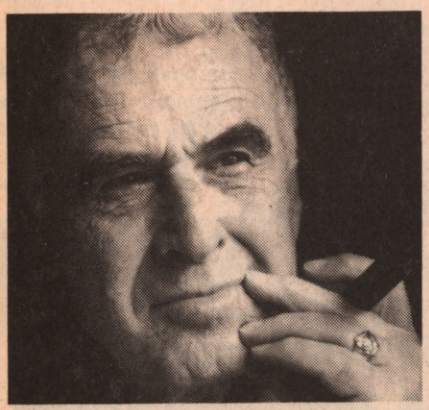
SEAMUS McDONAGH
CRUISERWEIGHT

SEAMUS IS ONE OF THOSE HARD PUNCHING TICKET SELLERS from the suburbs that New York's Felt Forum management stumbles on every once in a fortunate while. . . . McDonagh is free, Irish, and going on 24 years old, born on December 3, 1962 in Kiltimagh in County Mayo . . . He grew up in County Meath and started boxing at the Enfield Boxing Club. Won three All-Irish titles by the time he was 14 years old. . . . Suffered torn ligaments in his ankle at 15 and had to give up boxing for two years. Came to the U.S. and trained at the famed Eighteenth Avenue Gym. Won the 1985 New York Golden Gloves heavyweight sub-novice title. . . . McDonagh is now 6-0 as a professional, five of the contests ending early. Pro debut resulted in a second round TKO over Kevin Denson in Atlantic City. His last fight was a first round kayo over Grand Rapids' Rocky Cunningham in a scheduled six at the Felt Forum on September 25th. . . . Broke his left hand outpointing Tony Tricker on the undercard of the McGuigan-Cabrera bout in Dublin on February 15, 1986 . . . Handled by Nick Baffi, who describes McDonagh as "a counterpuncher. We're trying to get him to be more aggressive." Seamus has been more than aggressive in his bouts at the Felt Forum. A sophomore at St. John's College in Staten Island, Seamus lives with his parents in the Bay Ridge section of Brooklyn. His father, Jim, was also a pro boxer. □

IN THIS CORNER

by Christopher Coats

JACK FISKE (Boxing Reporter)



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IF YOU LOVE THE FIGHT GAME AND live in Northern California, it doesn't matter if the local hero gets flattened, the last promoter skips town, and there's only golf on the TV — just get your hands on the *San Francisco Chronicle* and turn to Jack Fiske's column.

A cult figure among boxing insiders across the country, Fiske is one of the best sources of boxing news today. For the latest scoop, layoff, secret deal, retirement, lawsuit, or rumor, it's hard to top Fiske.

Los Angeles promoter Don Fraser says, "I can read one of Jack's columns two weeeks old and I'll always find new information in it. There's not one other reporter around like him."

Medium-sized, with sharp eyes and dark wiry eyebrows, Fiske has a quiet voice and a natural lack of patience. "I don't suffer fools easily," he says. "I'm skeptical and cynical and that's probably perfect for being around the fight game. I consider myself a reporter, not a writer. I'd rather investigate, find out what's really going on, come up with fresh information that no one else has, than write a profile on some fighter. What happens outside the ring is more interesting to me than what happens inside the ring."

On Thursday afternoons, Fiske spends three or four hours on the phone. He sits at his desk, chewing on a toothpick, flipping through a small, blue phonebook that is at least 25 years old. Rubber bands have been worn out holding it together. Other reporters shout across the sports department, "Jack, call on line six for you." "Pick up line three, Jack." There isn't a name in the sport that is unavailable to him. Six years ago, you could get the Saturday *Chronicle* late Friday night on some downtown street corners. There were times I'd drive downtown, jump out, get the paper, and leave my date waiting.

Though he answers to the name of Jack Fiske, his legal name is Jacob Finkelstein, which is also the true name of former welterweight champion Jackie Fields. Born in the Bronx, Fiske went to the University of Alabama, and for two years was manager of the boxing team, which included future governor George Wallace. After graduating in 1941, he enlisted in the Army.

The first fight card he covered was in rural Virginia 40 years ago. Two years later he was working in San Francisco. Boxing was very popular back then. Men wore suits and ties to a show, there were more fighters and more reporters, and it was common policy for reporters to be offered bribes. There were no post-fight press conferences then, and Fiske recalls, without fondness, having to squeeze into packed dressing rooms to get a quote. Then there was the mad scramble to get to a pay phone. It didn't help a reporter's career to be the last one in line.

Before he goes into work, Fiske lays his hankie, toothpicks, and cigar on his dresser top. Gruff and curious, he is also careful and orderly. Looking at his house from the street there seems to be nothing unusual about it. But once inside, in the backrooms downstairs, it's a completely different world — it is a boxing museum. From floor to ceiling, wall to wall, in every corner, closet, on every shelf and counter are stacks of posters, piles of programs, magazines and newsletters. Dozens of boxes of photographs, cartons of files on champions, out-of-print books, buttons, drawings, t-shirts, and even statues of fighters also take up much of the space. Jack has every issue of *The Ring* going back to 1922. On the wall is a life-size painting of Jack Dempsey in a suit and tie.

Only recently has Jack Fiske owned a television. He has never had a car, an answering machine, a business or credit card. He isn't impressed with his reputation. About the sport of prizefighting, Fiske says flatly, "I don't love boxing. It is not a passion for me. Once I retire I'll probably never go to a fight card again. Years ago I covered baseball and I knew all the players, their averages, hometowns, who they were married to. When I got off baseball I lost interest in it. If I was taken off the boxing beat I would devote myself to whatever I was assigned to cover. I don't hate boxing, but I don't love it. And I don't have a lot of respect for many of the people that respect me. I'm a newspaperman. I want to do a good job."

Though certainly honest, there is something puzzling about him. When he talks about Ike Williams or Ezzard Charles, his eyes light up. And if there is mention of Bobby Chacon's last fight against Limon, or the punch that Donald Curry stiffened Milt McCory with, Fiske's voice changes. He is like a person standing in front of a masterpiece. He has been known to scowl at younger reporters who have missed an important fight.

Fiske says that boxing "is a deep sport," but he backs off from explaining any further. He needs more time to think about it. He has been around the fights long enough to know what he wants to keep his distance.

"I don't want to be friends with fighters," he says. "Some things you can see and understand better if you don't get too close. Every fighter thinks he has one more fight left in him. And when they lose there's always some excuse for it. The day after Gene Fullmer stopped Carmen Basilo for the title I got a call at home from Basilo. He had read my article and was angered that I wrote he had been knocked down. 'YOU SOB, I'VE NEVER BEEN KNOCKED DOWN IN MY LIFE,' he yelled. Well, he was knocked down right in front of me, but he had a lot of pride. Very few fighters make good commentators. Great fighters never become good referees. They're too close to the game. Two years ago I ran into Basilo in Vegas and he was still upset about it. He seemed more upset over that than not winning the title. Boxing does that. There's an aura of glamour in the sport. It attracts me. That's why the sport will never go away even if it is outlawed. There's something exciting about it. And no matter who gets into it, as a fighter or manager, or in any job, the sport never treats them the way they thought it would. It always turns out different. Because its a dream." □

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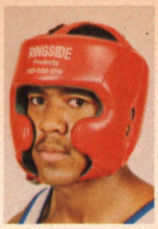

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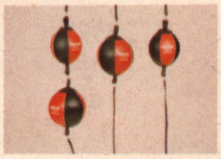

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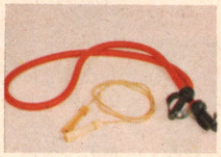

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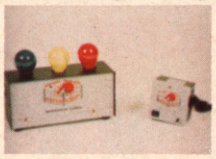

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